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Two Britons among 484 hostages

# SAS flies in to join siege of embassy

By Gabriella Gamini in Lima, David Adams and Michael Evans

AN SAS team arrived in Lima to link up with American security experts in the Peruvian capital, as the 484 hostages inside the Japanese Ambassa-dor's residence settled in for a third night with their 30 beavily-armed captors,

The six SAS men were sent-as advisers to John Illman, the British Ambassador, but their expertise could be used in the event of a decision to storm the besieged residence.

The Peruvian authorities were consulted about the SAS involvement, although there was apparently no specific request for assistance from the Lima Government. The team from the SAS headquarters in Hereford includes experts in the use of explosives and a sniper team commander.

Several experienced hostage negotiators from Scotland Yard also arrived in Lima, as a number of countries offered assistance to help bring the . siege to a peaceful conclusion. The United States is under-

stood to have sent a team from its Delta Force special forces unit which is modelled on the

The US Embassy in Lima set up a special hostage crisis centre, manned by FBI agents. A small number of Americans are among the captives inside the Japanese residence. Only by a stroke of good luck did Peru's President Fujimori avoid becoming a hostage guerrilla assault. Señor Fujimori had been due to attend Tuesday's reception but was late returning from a trip. to the provinces.

Army troops and police surrounded the compound. yesterday which is located behind a 15ft concrete wall topped by a 10ft electric fence. Police sharpshooters patrolled nearby roofs.

Negotiations moved slowly. The talks so far have been sporadic and there have been uneasy radio communications between an edgy-sounding rebel leader who calls himself Comandante" Evaristo, and an equally nervous Peruvian Education Minister, Domingo

The hostages, who include 12 ambassadors, complained of tension and overcrowding, although the Red Cross was allowed to deliver food and medical supplies to the

residence. Marc Cortal, an International Red Cross doctor who was allowed inside the compound, said the hostages appeared calm and healthy despite the threat from the Tupac Appetra Resolutionary Movement refers to begin executing them and by one.

Mediation efforts between the Peruvian Government and the guerrillas were being assisted by the International Red Cross. Anthony Vincent, the Canadian Ambassador who was one of five diplomats released by the guerrillas on Wednesday, also re-entered the residence yesterday to pass

on messages.
The Peruvian Cabinet met in emergency session for the second time in two days, and a top-level delegation from Ja-pan, led by Yukihito Ikeda, the Foreign Minister, arrived in

Lima to join in discussions. The hostages were reported to be crammed into two halls on the first and second floors of the large embassy residence with very little water and food. Among those still held captive are high-ranking diplomats. Japanese businessmen and top Pernyian security officials. Two Britons are also being held Roger Church, deputy chief of misssion of the British

Embussy, and David Grif-fiths, a businessman. The Tupac Amaru guerril-les want 400 of their members -including Victor Polay, their leader - released from various prisons in Peru.

They also want the release of Lori Berensen, a 27-year-old New Yorker who was last year sentenced to life imprison-ment for taking part in a foiled attempt by the Tupac Amaru to storm the congress in Lima. In addition, they have called on Señor Fujimori to reverse his liberal economic reforms and expel all foreign investors from Peru, and they are demanding money and safe sage to the Amazonian

jungle in eastern Peru. Heribert Woeckel, the German Ambassador who was also freed on Wednesday, said the rebels seemed "calm but very determined".

The rebels infiltrated the party dressed as waiters, card'ocuvres. They set off explo-sions and exchanged gunfire with police for almost an hour. Two hostages and a rebel were reported wounded.

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party supporters in a police shooting outside his house in

During an interview with The Times in October, Miss

Karachi on September 20.

several senior policemen.

conspiring to keep her out of



. Snipers watch the Japanese embassy compound in Lima where the hostages spent their second night

# Man held for questioning over murder of Megan and Lin Russell

BY RICHARD DUCE

MAGISTRATES last night granted police more time to interrogate a 35-yearold unemployed man arrested for questioning over the murders of Lin Russell

and her daughter Megan.

Robert Friar can now be held until lipm tonight before police decide whether to charge him with the double murder, release him, or ask a court for a final extension of six hours.

Mr Friar was arrested at a threebedroomed council house in Good-nestone, near Canterbury, at 7am on Wednesday. He has been interviewed before about the killings of Mrs Russell, 45, and Megan, six, when he voluntarily agreed to answer police questions. He is being held at Chatham police station.

The detention of Mr Friar, who lives with his mother Maggie, a cleaner, is the first arrest in the hunt for the killer who battered Mrs Russell and her daughter to death with a hammer as they walked home from Goodnestone Primary School five months ago.
Josie Russell, nine, survived the attack

and amazed doctors with her powers of recovery. Last night, Mr Friar made a brief appearance before Medway magis-trates in Chatham, where police were granted a further 30 hours to question

him until 11pm tonight.

Mr Friar lives in the vilage where the
Russell children went to school.

The girls, accompanied by their mother, walked from Goodnestone to their home in the neighbouring village of Noningtoo twice a day.

Outside Mr Friar's home yesterday stood a battered brown Ford Escort. In the rear window was a sticker which read: "This car is being driven by Robert, ex boozer, ex lover, ex convict, ex mafia.

A neighbour said: "He is a nice boy. If anyone needs any help, he is always there. We are all old age pensioners round here and he always helps us out. He is always pleasant and polite. He loves children and he is always playing

Josie, who was badly brain damaged in the attack, this week received a Children of Courage award from the Duchess of Kent. Although she is still unable to speak more than a few words she has described, by using models, how the killer stopped his car in a narrow country lane and beat all three with a hammer, leaving her for

## Greer's lobby company to be wound up

THE lobbying company at the centre of the cash-forquestions controversy is going into voluntary liquida-tion (Andrew Pierce writes). Ian Greer Associates, once one of the most powerful

companies in the political lobbying industry, is expected to be wound up next month. Keith Goodman, a partner in Leonard Curtis accoun tants, is investigating the col-lapse of the business, which at one stage enjoyed a £3 million

annual turnover.

Mr Greer and Neil Hamilton, the Tory MP, issued libel proceedings against The Guardian over the cash-fortions allegations. But they withdrew days before the was due to go ahead in

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk



## charged with her brother's murder FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI THE husband of Pakistan's Murtaza Bhutto, the younger brother of the former Prime Minister and a political rival, was killed with seven

deposed Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, has been charged with the murder of her brother, Murtaza:

The move is a serious blow for Miss Bhutto, six weeks before a parliamentary poll that is likely to decide her political future. Asif Ali Zardari was arrested on Nov-ember 5 after his wife was dismissed and her Govern-ment disolved by President Leghari on charges of

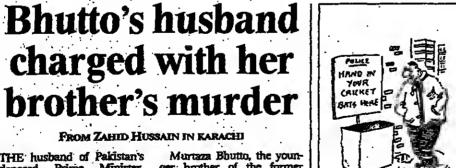
corrupton and misrule. Sindh High Court Bench earlier yesterday had declared Mr Zardari's preventive detention illegal and ordered his release. But before he was freed, he was served with a warrant on the murder



Benazir Bhutto and her husband, Asif Ali Zardari

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# Duke says sorry for gun remarks

Bhutto said she was becoming reconciled with her "baby The Duke of Edinburgh has brother before he was murapologised for his criticism of dered and that she was progovernment plans to ban foundly shaken by his death. handguns.
But families of the victims Police have already arrested

a number of people over the of the Dunblane massacre murder, including Miss Bhutto's former intelligence chief, Masood Sharif, and demanded that the Duke retract the remarks. Tony Blair, the Lasbour leader, yesterday joined the criticism of the Miss Bhutto has accused Duke's comments \_\_\_\_Page 2 the caretaker Government of Letters, page 17

## Death on film

The BBC is considering filming the last moments of a terminally ill man or woman as part of a series of seven programmes charting human life. MPs yesterday described 

### Good forecasts

Anatole Kaletsky's economic predictions for 1996 on currencies, stockmarkets, the housing market and the feelgood" factor have proved message from Lambeth Palace remarkably accurate . Page 25

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# **Apologetic BBC** restores Carey's new year TV slot

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

forced to restore the Archbishop of Canterbury's new year message to its traditional midnight slot after a personal protest by Dr George Carey.
Flicking through his Christmas edition of Radio Times.

Dr Carey was dismayed to discover his five-minute message had been put back one hour in the schedules to make way for new year celebrations from Scotland. Instead, he found himself squeezed in before the start of a Carry On

He immediately telephoned to protest that the BBC was marginalising religion. After hastily convened meetings yesterday the corporation was forced within hours into an embarrassing climbdown and

issued an apology.
Last night, in spite of the
Radio Times listing which
puts Happy New Year at lam on New Year's Day, Dr Carey was assured that his message will go out as usual a few minutes after Big Ben's midnight peals But next year, the BBC insisted, the Archbishop will have to endure the later slot to allow a "seamless" transmission of the secular

new year shows. The Archbishop of Canterbury has broadcast a new year

THE BBC was yesterday the then-incumbent, Dr Robert Runcie. It is recorded on December 30, after the Archbishop returns to Lambeth from his traditional Christmas holiday at the palace at

Canterbury.

A spokeswoman for the Archbishop said yesterday: The Archbishop values the opportunity to share some spiritual reflections with the country at a particularly significant moment at the start of the new year. We have reason to believe that many people appreciate this tradition and are pleased that the BBC

shares that view." A BBC spokesman said: We made a mistake in not ensuring that there was a full explanation of the reasons for moving the Archbishop's message to lam. We are now restoring the message to its traditional placing at 12.05, between The End of the Year Show and Hogmanay Live."

The Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield and head of the Church of England's communications comminee, welcomed the BBC's capitulation. "It is important that the Archbishop of Canterbury is given the oppor-tunity by the public service broadcasters to share some spiritual values with the nation at a particularly signifi-

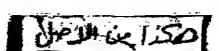
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# **HOME NEWS**

# Cabinet keeps currency debate alive

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A WEIGHTY alliance of min- told to produce a new paper isters vesterday forced Kenneth Clarke to keep open the Cabinet discussion on the single currency in the run-up to the general election.

Senior ministers last night voiced hopes that the Government would take a deeply sceptical line on the prospects of Britain joining monetary union in the next Parliament after the Chancellor's attempt to end debate on the issue

After a tense meeting at which economic and monetary union was discussed for 90 minutes, with apparently all members of the Cabinet contributing. Mr Clarke was

setting out the basis by which the Government would judge whether other countries, as well as Britain, had fulfilled the criteria for joining a single currency.

The idea was proposed by John Major as he summed up the unusually lengthy discussion in which all ministers said the paramount aim was to find a stance around which the party could unite and score points off Labour. The paper will be brought forward in late January or February. Last night it was clear that

several senior ministers - far more than just the hardline Euro-sceptics -- were hoping

The extent of British alarm about loss of sovereignty in Europe was exposed yesterday io a survey of Europeac Union citizens. More than half the country fears Britain will either lose its character or simply not exist, compared with only about a third in other member states. Asked whether they feared a loss of national identity and culture, in Britain 54 per cent said they did, compared with an EU average of 35 per cent. lo addition, 50 per cent of Britons said they feared the prospect of the country "oot really existing any more". compared with 30 per cent across the EU.

that the paper would provide an escape route by which the Government could suggest that the prospects of a soundly based single currency were slim, and that therefore the likelihood of Britain signing up was extremely small. The Cabinet endorsed the

wait-and-see policy of staying

tions to obtain the best outcome for Britain. Even the sceptics now accept that it will be impossible for the Prime Minister or Mr Clarke to budge from it. But they believe that the options-open stance does not preclude the Government from making a strong

in the single currency negotia-

that it would be unlikely that Britain could enter a single currency in the following five years. A Cabinet source told The Times: There is move-ment here. This issue remains Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

cation and Employment Secretary; Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary: Michael Howard, the Home Secretary; and Lord Cranborne, leader of the Lords, were the leading opponents yesterday of Mr Clarke's attempt to resolve the issue. He had brought forward a Treasury paper, commissioned two weeks ago at Mr Howard's suggestion, which concluded that it would not be possible to judge wheth-

entry criteria until early 1998. Mr Howard and others had hoped that the Treasury might conclude that there had already been so much fudging that the Government could say that the chances of Britain wanting to join such a doubtfully based enterprise were

Mr Clarke's decision to rush forward the document upset his colleagues, some of whom felt he was trying to bounce them into closing the debate.

Mr Clarke was reported last night to be happy with the Cabinet's decision to ask for a new paper. He was also said to accept that party unity was an overriding aim in the

# Second fire breaks out in Channel Tunnel

Eorotunnel's attempt to rebuild public confidence in the safety of the Channel Tunnel received a setback yesterday when a fire broke out on board a Le Shuttle passenger train. The fire, almost exactly a month after the blaze that injured 14 people and closed the tunnel for 15 days, started in electrical wiring oo an empty shuttle train early

yesterday morning.

The train was standing at the Folkestone terminal close to the tunnel entrance. It was being used as an evacuation stand-by train in case of an emergency. A spokeswoman for Eurotunnel said the "small fire" was put out within 13 minutes by Kent Fire Brigade. "No one was injured and nothing was damaged. The limited service we are running was not disrupted and we are investigating," she said.

### Alone at the top

John Major has become Radio 4's Man of the Year by being the only man on the shortlist of six for the Today programme Personality of the Year. Voting was cut from four to three hours to limit any organised telephoning for the finalists. Tooy Blair was disqualified after an attempt to rig the vote in his favour was discovered. A memo was sent to Labour supporters canvassing support. The Personality of the Year will be announced on Boxing Day.

### Minister to stand down

THE Trade Minister, Anthony Nelson, is to stand down at the next election for "family and personal" reasons. Mr Nelson, 48, MP for Chichester since 1974, is the 61st Conservative to announce retirement from the Commons. He has a majority of 20.887 bot his wife is suffering from a serious illness. His resignation means that, with Kensington and Chelsea, two of the safest seats in the country are up Leading article, page 17

# Troops head for Bosnia

A British force of 5,000 soldiers, equipped with Warrior armoured vehicles and heavy artillery, will today begin ao IS-month tour of duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Codenamed Lodestar, the operation will be the third carried out by British troops since Britain became involved in Bosnia in 1992. The oew cootingent will be serving with the Nato-led Stabilisation Force, which takes over officially from Nato's Implementation Force this morning.

### Prescott libel damages

John Prescott yesterday accepted oodisclosed libel dam-John Prescott yesterday accepted obdistioned infer damages over a ocwspaper article that said he accepted a free flight to the United States organised by the political lobbyist Ian Greer. Mr Prescott's QC. Arthor Davidson, told Mr Justice French at the High Court that Mr Prescott had oever accepted a flight or any other gift from Mr Greer. The report appeared in The Daily Telegraph, which was represented in court to retract the allegations.

### Bouncers set to be vetted

Thousands of private security guards and night clob bouncers woold be vetted under government proposals to rid the industry of criminals. Security guards would be licensed by an independent authority, and it would be an offence to employ an onlicensed guard or to work as ooe. The proposals are a reversal of the Government's recent position when ministers argued that it would increase the burden of regulation on the industry.

### Auditor clears council

A Tory council which pioneered sales of council houses was cleared of running a "homes for votes" policy. However, the or for Wandsworth council in s found "serious shortcomings and omissions" in the advice members were given before deciding to put properties oo the market. Rowland Little said the council misdirected itself in law about the correct way to meet its statutory

### **Brocket Hall relaunched**

Brocket Hall, the ancestral home of Lord Brocket, oow serving five years in jail for fraud, is to be relaunched as a leading hotel and conference centre. The oew owners. Hong Kong-based CCA, which bought the house outside Welwyn. Hertfordshire, earlier this month for an estimated £9 millioo for a 60-year lease, plan to create a second 13-hole golf course oo the 534-acre estate, and boild a health spa, with a gym and pool.

### Arts grants cut by 20%

Westminster Council is to cut its grants to arts groups by usariy 20 per cent. English National Opera and the Wigmore Hall, who are likely to be affected, said that their edocation programmes, the very activities from which Westminster's community most benefits, were likely to suffer first. Westminster councillors will decide on January 29 how the cuts should be made.

### Tote bets are on

The Tote is to be allowed to take bets on the winning oombers of the Irish lottery from today, it was announced last night. The Home Office expects the turnover of the Tote to increase by about 2 per cent as a result of gamblers having a flutter oo the winning oumbers drawn in the Republic's lottery. It brings the Tote into line with other

## Sculpture saved by grant

An 18th-century marble sculpture has been saved after an appeal by a museum in Bath. The 1752 work, which represents the goddess Diana and the youth Eodymion, is one of the rare surviving sculptures of Giuseppe Plura, an Italian master who made it after moving to Bath in 1749. The Heritage Memorial Fund gave £247,230 to prevent it

# Duke apologises for distress caused by gun comments

THE Duke of Edinburgh apologised yesterday for his outspoken criticism of government plans to ban handguns.

His remarks in a radio interview were condemned as outrageous and insensiove by parents of children killed in the Duoblane massacre. But Buckingham Palace said that Prince Philip had not intended to cause offence or distress and was sorry if he had done so. Families of the Dunblane

children refused to accept the apology and demanded that the Duke retract the original remarks made on Radio 5 Live's Inside Edge programme.

The apology followed wide-spread criticism of Prince Philip after he suggested that members of shooting clubs were no more dangerous than cricketers or tennis players.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, said that the Duke's comparison of handguns with cricket bats was "not a wise analogy". He said that the Duke was entitled to his views but Labour, which is pressing for a ban on all handguns, held a different position.

George Robertson, Shadow Scottish Secretary, was less diplomatic. "The views of one elderly aristocrat, based on a completely crazy view on a comparison between a cricket bat and rapid-fire handgun, is not going to deflect

Mr Robertson welcomed the apology but said the comments had "damaged the credibility of Prince Philip enormously and I think these remarks are going to be counter-productive. It's the views of an eccentric individ-



The Duke has failed to pacify his critics

ual, putting forward an argument that doesn't hold water." But the Duke's remarks attracted strong support from some quarters yesterday. A poll for Radio 5 Live showed that 68 per cent agreed with his comments while 32 per cent disagreed. He also won support from 75 per cent of viewers phoning GMTV's tele-

phone hourse. During a visit to Ely Cathedral yesterday. Prince Philip declined to comment on his remarks. But Buckingham Palace had sought to calm the row by emphasisiog that the remarks were made in the course of a wide-ranging inter-

view about sport. "Prince Philip had no intention whatsoever of causing offence or distress to anyone and he is sorry if he has done so. His personal views were

very much focused in the area of how difficult it is to apply the law sensibly in these difficult situations," the Palace statement said. "Prince Philip made absolutely clear in the interview his horror at the Dunblane incident and his sympathy for the bereaved."

The Duke's controversial comments were recorded for an interview broadcast last night. He said in the interview: "There's no evidence that people who use weapons for sport are any more dangerous than people who use golf clubs or tennis racquets or cricket bats.

"If a cricketer, for instance, suddenly decided to go into a school and batter a lot of people to death with a cricket bat, which he could do very easily, I mean are you going to ban cricket bats?

But John McLaren. 62, whose granddaughter, Megan Turner was murdered at Dunblane, said the apology did not go far enough. "It was totally insensitive and shows he is a man with no feeling for the situation."

David Scott, whose daughter, Hannah, also died in the massacre; said: "He clearly has no understanding of the carnage that went on in that gymnasium."

broadcast that featured a message being spelt out in gunfire did not breach standards of taste and decency, the Independent Television Commission has ruled. It said: Whilst sorry to learn of the distaste, the ITC did not consider that a link with Dunblane would have been inferred by most viewers."



# Payout for man in coma since ambulance strike

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN left in a permanent coma after an ill-equipped army crew answered an emergency call during the ambu-lance strike of 1989 has finally been awarded compensation of £750,000. With only a bit of basic resuscitation, John Dennis, now 47, would probably have "walked off the stretcher" after a minor heart attack, his solicitor said.

Mr Dennis's wife, Jean, said that her emergency call on December 17, 1989, was answered by two soldiers in an army ambulance, who did not appear to know what to do, were ill-equipped and needed directions from the couple's home in Edgwick, Coventry. to the Coventry and Warwick-shire Hospital. The journey should have taken two or three minutes, but a wrong turn added a four or five minutes to the trip and, by the time Mr Dennis arrived at the hospital, he had suffered irreparable

brain damage. Mrs Dennis, 46, now living in Bedworth, has since cared for her husband at home. Mr Justice McCullough praised her dedication yesterday, say-ing: "The blend of devotion



awarded £750,000

and efficiency shines through every report. I do not remember a case in which praise has been put to the carer in quite such glowing terms." He agreed that the couple should be advanced £150,000 so that they could buy a bungalow and make the necessary modi-

fications for Mr Dennis.

had been due to go to the High Court in Birmingham earlier this month, but the defendants admitted general liability in November, allowing a compensation claim to be made. The money will be administered by the court, effectively holding it in trust for the rest of Mr Dennis's life. After the hearing, Mrs Dennis said: "I am extrememly relieved. A settlement will continue to enable me to look

after my husband at home." She added: "It should not take so long - it is seven years since I first considered legal action. All the time you have not only got to look after your loved ones, but wonder how you are going to cope." The couple were married in 1972 in Northern Ireland when Mr Dennis was an

infantryman and his wife a military policewoman. At the time of his heart attack he was an assembly line worker at the Land Rover plant in Solihull. John Davis, the couple's solicitor, said: "If the people who had attended to him had been properly trained, had the

# Death toll in food poison outbreak increases to 15 Mrs Cameron had been ill

THE death toll in the E. coli 0157 food poisoning outbreak in Scotland rose to 15, making it the world's second worst on record, after two elderly people died in hospital. A 76-year-old man, believed

to be from New Stevenston, and a 78-year-old woman from Wishaw, North Lanarkshire, died at Monklands hospital, on Wednesday night. The woman, Sarah (Cissie) Cameron had attended a pensioners' lunch on November 17 at Wishaw Old Parish Church.

Seven people at the meal have died after eating meat pies and gravy supplied by John M. Barr & Son, the

since November 21 when the outbreak was first identified. She was admitted to hospital on November 27. The man who died had also eaten meat bought from an outlet supplied by Barr.

A total of 407 people now

Wishaw butcher thought to be tained the epidemic was now

have symptoms of the bacteri-om and 250 have been confirmed as having the infection, an increase of 15 on the previous day. Six adults are

Syed Ahmed, the public health consultant leading the outbreak control team, said yesterday that the recent deaths were from the first wave of illnesses. He main-

cases arising at a rate of one or two a day, all of which could be traced to secondary infection from person to person.
"We are confident that we have eliminated the source of the infection," Dr Ahmed said.

Mr Barr's solicitor, George Moore, is to meet with North Lanarkshire environmental health officers on Monday to discuss the results of tests on cooked and pre-prepared meat products taken from his shop.

The first of a series of fullpage advertisements giving advice on personal hygiene and the dangers of food poi-soning over the Christmas and New Year period will begin appearing in Lanark-shire newspapers today.

John Dennis he was

He made the award against NHS Litigation, which took over from the original defendants, the West Midlands Health Authority and the Ministry of Defence. The case

# "Oh, blige!! What can I get for Rob?"



Music From The Motion Picture

"I've heard to many good things about the film I can't wait to see it. Even Barry Norman was rav-ing about her on the telly; called her magnificent. le Argenina" and it sets streets down my spine. Plus there's a new song which Andrew Lloyd byber wrote especially for her, called "You Must Love Me" and, of course, "Another Suitewe la Another Hall". Why wait?"



world. It's cheaper than a holiday. The said in the Duty Express, and Q said d was "Like nothing else on Earth". Plas it's got "Anywhere Is" and the gorgeous "On My Way Home" on it. Luscious."



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# Why did drivers ignore screams of rape victim?

BY DANIEL McGRORY

PEOPLE returning home from work and local residents expressed their astonishment and disgust last night that evening rush-hour drivers did not stop to rescue a woman who was beaten and raped on a busy street in Chislehurst, southeast London.

The 36-year-old senior civil servant fought the rapist for almost five minutes under the glare of street lights while motorists idling in a traffic jam ignored her screams for help. The woman was so badly beaten, police say, that there is not an inch of her face that is not cut or bruised. Her cheekbone has been broken and ber nose badly swollen.

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The woman usually walks the short route home from Chislehurst station with her boyfriend. But on Tuesday night, when she was assaulted, he had to attend a

Women walking their dogs on the Chislehurst cricket ground, where the attack happened, yesterday condemned as cowards those who refused to help ber. The attacked woman, who was released from hospital yesterday, told police she was so close to the traffie that she could clearly distinguish the faces of drivers staring at her while she was grappling on wet grass to fight off the slightly built rapist.

Detectives say that scores of motorists in Watts Lane would have seen the woman being punched and then dragged through a thick gorse bush. But despite police appeals for help no one has come forward.

Police last night set up a road block in Watts Lane at the same time as the woman civil servant was attacked, but they described the reaction from home-coming commuters as "a very poor response". Mrs Jan Kidd, who lives close to the cricket ground, left knows, if someone had got out

The Chisichurst attack comes after a number of incidents this year when the public have apparently cries of victims. Just over a month ago, drivers stuck in a traffic jam on a south London road ignored a boy aged 13 as he struggled with an attacker who abducted and raped him. In August, passengers oo the London Underground ig-nored the cries of a 24-yearold woman being kidnapped. Passengers, she said, looked away. After being forced on and off trains for four and a half hours she was raped. Io March, in Wigan, a 15year-old girl was raped in ers by ignored her pleas.

her dog in daylight. She said:
"I cannot believe that no one lifted a finger. They should be ashamed of themselves. Nobody wants to get involved, which is appalling. How can

any woman feel safe?"
Gordon Westley, 73, a re-tired Ministry of Defence official living in the area, said: "It's an indictment of the way we live that people choose to look the other way. At my age if I saw what must have been an obvious beating of a woman you would step in. This should shame us all."

Detectives were reluctant to condemn those who drove past, saying the public were increasingly afraid to intervene for fear of being attacked or knifed themselves, or finding they faced legal action.

Detective Inspector Dave Gaywood, who is leading the hunt for the rapist, said: "You would like to think if someone saw such an attack they would have phoned the police or intervened in some way. Who

The attacked woman told police yesterday how during her ordeal she made a conscious decision to remember every detail about the man, who had threatened that be had a knife and would kill her

if she did not stop screaming. She described him as aged 28-33, white, about 5ft 7in tall, thin, well dressed, clean shaven and well spoken with a London accent. He was wearing an expensive black leather jacket and black trousers and she remembers "he smelt very

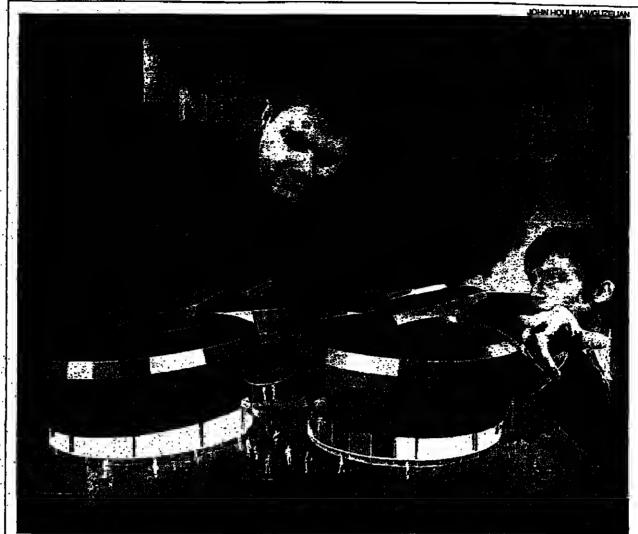
The woman had taken her usual 6.08pm train from Charing Cross to Chislehurst, arriving sat about 6.50. She was ten minutes into her 25-minute walk home carrying two heavy supermarket carrier bags when she felt a man grab her hair and try to steal her shoulder bag.

She turned and stared at him, but he punched her hard in the face three or four times. The woman said they fought and struggled on the pavement for as much as five minutes until the assailant pushed a 3in metal object into her mouth and knocked her to the ground, repeatedly kicking her in the face and body.

He then pulled her through a thick 5ft high gorse hedge, which must have left him with cuts.After raping her he calmly emptied her purse onto the grass and took money and credit cards, repeating his warning that he would stab and kill her if she tried to escape or shout for help.

On the other side of the hedge rush-hour traffie was at a standstill on Watts Lane and cars approaching the mini roundabout would have had a

After the attack, the woman flagged down a woman motorist, who drove her to Chislehurst police station. The driver then left and would only give work early yesterday to walk of that car that young woman her name as Maureen.



Nick Banks, left, and Russell Senior, of Pulp, with a model of the building, designed as a pair of drums

# It's only rock and roll, but will they really like it in Sheffield?

AT FIRST glance, Sheffield's pedigree as a citadel full of muses setting the world's front pages alight is slightly limited: Joe Cocker, long-haired heavy metal band Def Leppard and indie's flavour-of-the-month The Longpigs do not a Memphis make.

Manchester has kicked out musical prodigies on a regular basis - New Order, Happy Moodays, The Smiths, Simply Red and the Bee Gees. London is where everyone ends up. And Hayon-Wye is prettier. I mean, no one ever ran away from home to the glittering lights of Sheffield.

And besides, just how horrible is the idea of a rock museum? Youth's febrile kick isn't meant to be pinned down under glass; catharsis cannot be catalogued, and



It might not be on Route 66 but when it comes to rock, Caitlin Moran finds Sheffield does have something to sing about

display of old rockers' trousers can adequately coovey. Pop pilgrimages - something that rock museums presumably aspire to cater for - are far too personal for that. The first time I ran away from home for rock'n'roll, me and a friend headed for Aberystwyth, and the beach where the late, unlamented prog rock band

Levitation first took acid. We only got as far as Shrewsbury before the band broke up and we realised that they were overrated

Marc Bolan's tree in Richmond, the Beatles' pub (the

Grapes next to the the Cavem) and Joy Divisioo's lan Curtis's grave in Manchester for those days when youths just want to bave a wallow in pop's sticky-sweet nostalgia. However Sheffield does have some arguments in its

favour. It has a secret pop history that deserves to be more widely promoted: there is a strong case to be made for local avant-gardists Cabaret Voltaire having invented the influential Detroit

ed pop when punk and New Wave had sullied its good oame; and The Human League kickstarted the syotb-pop seece that spawned The Pet Shop Boys, Erasure, New Order and, of

course, Pulp.

And it is with Pulp that Sheffield's Rock Museum holds its ace. If the powers that be have an atom of sense, they will make Jarvis Cocker bead curator, and allow him to fill it with Brinylon Y-froots; photographs of dogs "doing it" on central reservations (a recurrent lyrical obsessioo); displays of "NHS glasses in rock", and plaster casts of Cocket's extraordinary loog fingers.
And maybe there the spirit of a rock museum will finally . Maochester, won El.17 mil-

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# Lottery cash puts pop on the map

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

SHEFFIELD won £9.5 millioo of lottery cash yesterday to create Britain's first National Centre for Popular Music. It intends to blur the boundaries between classical, rock and pop, reminding the world that Mozart

streets in the 18th century. The grant from the Arts Council's National Lottery department was annuunced by Russell Senior and Nick Banks from the Sheffield

pop band Pulp.
The centre, which will celehrate music from around the world, will not collect memorabilia. Instead it will rely ou loans from private and publie collections such as the Radiu 1 archive and the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Stuart Rogers, the chief executive, said that he was often asked how he defined pop music. "We bope people will decide that after they leave the centre. We want to broaden what they think is pop. It's wider than anyooe appreciates, particularly now, with Pavarotti in Hyde Park doing what the Rolling Stones did 25 years ago." Tim Strickland, the cre-

ative director, said: "We will focus primarily oo post-1945. But you can't omit folk and music hall and the popular end of classical and opera."

Future exhibitions will include the changing form of sound systems, with displays of wax cylinders, jukeboxes and digital technology and a history of musical instruments. Edocational programmes are planned for schoolchildren.

The overall cost of the centre will be £15 million. From the summer of 1998, the organisers hope to attract 400,000 visitors a year.

Sbeffield was one of 67 lottery beneficiaries yesterday. Among others, Loodon Electronic Arts, a cultural centre in Hoxton, east London, received £2.8 millioo and the regional film theatre at the Cornerhouse.

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# Too busy, too scared or too anxious to get home

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

YESTERDAY rush-hour motorists were too busy trying to cope with the traffic jam at the mini-roundabout by Chisle-hurst Cricket Club to pay attention to police hunting the rapist who attacked a civil servant there 48 bours earlier. Cars converged from five roads into one of south

London's most notorious bottlenecks. Staring ahead, drivers ignored the steady procession of homecoming commuters who walked up the steep Summer Hill from Chislehurst station, moving faster than the stalled traffic.

A senior detective said last night: "Chivalry is dead. I'm afraid. The sign of the time is that no one sees, no one hears and no one cares. Everyone looks the other way because

They think if they intervene they might get knifed by some madman or end up facing a court summons themselves. But how can so many people, driving and walking, ignore a woman being punched and kicked and screaming for five

Summer Hill carrying two heavy supermarket bags, she would have passed the brightly-lit entrances to two private estates of mews houses and detached properties. She would have quickened her step past woodland and glanced down at the Christmas decorations festooning the Rambler's Rest pub before crossing the stationary traffic and heading down Watts Lane

they are too busy or too scared.

As the victim walked up

Cars idling on the hill give their drivers an uninterrupted view of the pitch. The victim had walked only 20 yards along Watts Lane, clearly lit by small white street lamps, when she was attacked from behind. There are no houses here but the pavement is narrow, with barely enough room for two people to pass, let along struggle for five

Until this week, Chislehurst has thought of itself as a close community. Each street beasts a Neighbourhood Watch and there are self-help organisations for working residents and for the many retired people who live here. But nobody who walked the street came to rescue the rape

# Be safe, be mean with the Scotch

By JEREMY LAURANCE

THE cheapest brands of whisky may be the best buy, scientists have discovered. The classier the malt the higher the level of cancer-causing chemicals it contains.

All whisky contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, but the levels contained in different brands can vary 14-fold. Tests on 18 brands, reported io The Lancet, showed that the Scottish malt whisky Laphroaig, had the most at 47.5 nanograms per litre and an American bour-bon, Old Overbolt, the least at 3.4. Overall, malt whiskies had the highest levels and Irish whiskeys the lowest.

Drinking whisky is known to increase the risk of cancers of the mouth, gullet and lower bowel, but researchers at the Department of Health Risk and Toxicology at the University of Maastricht, who conducted the tests, say that concentrations of aromatic bydrocarbon are unlikely to ex-

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# Conservative spin doctors bemoan trend of confessional interviews

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent Tory spin doctors have now

TORY politicians have been warned against confessional interviews after Tony Blair became the latest political heavyweight to be tripped up by his past. Conservative Central Office could scarcely conceal its glee after Mr Blair's account of the day he played truant on a plane bound for the Bahamas was instantly contradicted by his father.

The Labour leader is the latest in a long line of politicians to try to exploit their family misfortunes only to see the strategy backline. Only yesterday John Major's at-tempt to woo women voters backfired when his claim in an interview in Good Housekeeping, that he called his wife "Little Grub", was denied by Mrs Major. "We don't have nicknames for each other. What rubbish," she said.

intervened. Politicians used to be afraid of being embarrassed by the antics of their children. But now the roles have reversed. "We simply cannot have what appear to be nice stories about their domestic life being ripped to shreds by their own relatives the next day, said one. It makes politicians look silly if they cannot even get their stories squared first with their family. We will not institute formal advice. But when we sit in on future interviews we will steer questions well away from

an imitating habit of going Mr Blair joined in the first time time this year with his own poignant anecdotes about the impact of his father's illness on his childhood.

their past. Their answers have



being called Mrs Grub

Friends believe the success of the speech encouraged him to break his silence on the attempt to flee the terrors of his public school on a charter flight to the Bahamas in 1966.

"He only made it to the airport." The confusion about the teenage runaway's flight of fancy has led to one tabloid

But his father, Leo. 73, said:

newspaper to try to induce the air stewardess to come forward, who escorted the young stowaway off the charter flight at Newcastle Airport, with the offer of a free holiday on the sunshine island. Labour is taking a more relaxed view. But one of the party's spin doctors said: "We may insist they rigorously check the facts before they hark on about childhood adventures which can be checked." ☐ John Major is the only man

among six candidates nominated for the Radio 4 Today programme's News Personality of the Year. The winner will be announced on Friday.

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Rivals squabble as universities bid for share of £700m

# Cambridge disputes Oxford's supremacy in research ratings

By JOHN O'LEARY AND DAVID CHARTER

OXFORD and Cambridge were both claiming victory yesterday in the four-yearly university research ratings, which influence the distriburion of £700 million of govern-

ment money.

The £2 million exercise mea sured the quality of research in 69 different subjects, but the complex ratings system left the two universities so close that the outcome varied according to the method of calculation chosen.

Universities and colleges were allowed to decide how many of their staff should have their work examined. Oxford, by entering 91 per cent of its academics, triumphed among those entered for assessment, but Cambridge, which entered 98 per cent, had the best score when all staff were taken into

An Oxford spokesman said the university had omitted a number of staff whose duties were primarily administrative. "We followed the rules of the exercise and used our own best judgment." At Cambridge, a spokeswoman said the university regarded itself as recording the highest score, which would demonstrated when research budgets were allocated.

The London School of Economics, which had been lobbying the higher education funding councils for three months to publish official league tables, produced its own analysis, claiming second place, with Cambridge first and Oxford

The funding councils, which



Fender: said standards were improving everywhere

commissioned 60 panels of experts to produce the ratings, said the ssments were not designed to

compile a single table.

Brian Fender, chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Couocil for England, said the assessments showed that the standard of research was improving everywhere. The number of toprated departments had risen substantially and far more new universities were doing research of national excellence.

Professor Fender said: "I would say to those who fund research, including the Government, 'We have got a very healthy base, a lot of capacity for improvement has been demonstrated. Why don't we build on that?"

Ivor Crewe, Vice-Chancellor of Essex University, said that some of the smaller research-orientated

exceptionally well. "There is clearly no case for a small super league of RESEARCH

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research-based universities." Although no new universities and colleges reached the new top grade, denoting a majority of lence, nine of their departments were in the next category. Among them, the University of Westminster, the birthplace of media studies, was celebrating its second successive grade five for research.

Nicholas Garnham, director of the Centre for Communication and Information Studies, said: "We think that good teaching and good research go together." The work assessed included research into cross-media ownership, copyright, the history of cinema and coverage of scandals

The University of Portsmouth, which entered one scholar in the Slavonic and East European Languages assessment, earned a grade five. Ralph Cleminson, currently on a two-year sabbatical and working at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, discovered the oldest-known Slovakian Church manuscript last year.

Peter Skehan, Professor of English language teaching at Thames Valley University, where linguis-tics gained a five, said the grading would help it to attract high-calibre students. Part of the research was into language use within multiethnic communities in Britain.

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The Ford Iveco lorry that police believe was used by the IRA

# Police seek lorry and fear IRA could strike at any time

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A LORRY used by IRA terrorists to move bomb-making material is being hunted by Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch. Detectives have also searched a transport yard north of London where the 72 tonne Ford Iveco lorry may have been kept.

Yesterday Sir Paul Condon. Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and Commander John Grieve, head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said that the IRA could strike on the mainland at any time. Sir Paul said that attacks could involve anything from bombs to incendiary devices and targets could include the new year sales. We are on a high state of alert, not just because of Christmas but because in recent years the IRA has mounted a whole range of inci-dents," he said. A multimillionpound security operation involving covert operations and patrols was

in place. Mr Grieve said he did not believe that the missing vehicle was about to be used to house a bomb but that it had been used to transport bombmaking material. Police believe that the lorry, probably a C or Dregistration, was first used by the IRA in February when the ceasefire collapsed with the attack on South Quay, east London, in which two people died. The vehicle is described as having a white body with blue curtains on the side. The bars under the platform and the bumper are red and the cab has

faded signwriting on the side. The IRA would have needed

move the tonnes of chemicals it used in the Docklands bomb and the attack on Manchester in June. The lorry was seen in north London in June and July. So far police bave been unable to trace it and say it could be parked somewhere. It may have been lent or hired to someone unwittingly acting for terrorists.

Earlier this week police began to search the transport yard which they are certain was used by the terrorists this summer to store material and to work on planned attacks. The Anti-Terrorist Branch was led to the yard, close to the M25 junction at South Mimms, by a tip from the public. The owner of the yard had no idea what was happening. The terrorists had masqueraded as a commercial company.

Last night John Hume, the eader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, said that a restoration of the IRA ceasefire was still possible. He said he was absolutely convinced that the renewed IRA campaign would stop if the Prime Minister responded positively to his proposals aimed at clearing the way for Sinn Fein's early admis-sion to talks on Northern Ireland's

Yesterday Mr Hume discussed the Northern Ireland peace process with five loyalist prisoners in the Maze. He said the discussions had been "very valuable" and constructive and that the prisoners had accepted his assurances that there would be no behind-the-scenes

# Marriage is added to schools' moral code

Beplans pure in series

CHILDREN will be urged, in a proposed moral code for schools, to support marriage, it was an-nounced yesterday. The change follows criticism that the first draft of a government guide did too little to support traditional family life.

Nick Tate, chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said that the statement on marriage was being added to a section on society. It called on children to "support marriage as the traditional form of the family, while recognising that for a secure and happy childhood can be found in families of other kinds". the love and commitment required

The compromise was aimed at satisfying teachers who said during consultation that society was so diverse that schools could not maintain that there was only one way to bring up children.

When the first draft was issued there were complaints from within the National Forum for Values in Education and the Community, the body set up by Mr Tate to write the code. The criticisms followed the murder of the London head teacher Philip Lawrence and the disclosure of public disquiet by a poll carried out for the forum. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, was among those who called for the original wording on the

family to be strengthened. The change has failed to satisfy Guy Hordern, one of five members of the 150-strong forum who campaigned for a separate section promoting family life. He said the proposals drew no distinction between marriage and cohabitation or between heterosexual and homosexual relationships.

"Using the word 'traditional' for marriage suggests it refers to what has happened in the past," he said. "It would have been better to support marriage as the ideal."

Announcing the outcome of con-sultation on the code, Mr Tate said that it would not be imposed but, if approved by ministers in February, schools would be encouraged to adopt it as a basis for lessons. A strong moral code, he added, was a key part of the curriculum in Far Eastern countries where children performed better in mathematics and science.

A MORI poll of nearly 1:500 adults for the consultation examined the importance of law andorder and the police (backed by 9 per cent), discipline in schools and the role of teachers (8 per cent), and

# Minister attacks college's £250 'bounty' for new students as waste of money

BY DAVID CHARTER

A COLLEGE competing for students with local sixth forms has been criticised by the Government for offering £250 to potential

Trowbridge College in Wittshire says its bursary scheme is designed to discourage students from dropping out, but local schools claim it is a bribe and James Paice, the Education Minister responsible for

further education, called it a waste of money. He said he did not welcome the scheme, although he allowed colleges to offer bursaries. Inducements being offered by further education colleges range from £1,200 for high-flyers by Teesside College to driving lessons by Kendal College and free trips to Disneyland Paris by Walsall

healthy rivalry which can drive up standards. However, this sort of scheme may lead to wasteful competition if other institutions attempt to match or top the incentives."

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# George Bright, the principal, said the offer had been made to attract and keep students when the College of Arts and Technology. In a letter to David Faber, the college restarted A-leve after a three-year break. college restarted A-level teaching PC & TV for Xmas?

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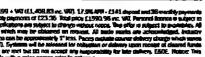
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# to school BBC plans to capture moral cod dying breath for TV series

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE BBC is considering filming the last moments of a going to form the very last terminally ill man or woman as part of a series of seven programmes charting human life from the cradle to the

Varriagi added

Researchers have begun approaching very old people and may ask them whether they can record their dying breath in the final episode of The Human Body, to be shown in 1998.

MPs yesterday described the idea as "macabre" and "beyond belief". The National Viewers and Listeners' Association warned the BBC to tread carefully over such sensitive ground.

It is the second time that the BBC has set out to break one of the last taboos in broadcasting - filming the moment of death other than as part of film footage in a news bulletin. Last year more than a hun-dred MPs signed a Commons motion protesting at the BBC's decision to broadcast the world's first televised mercy killing. The programme, Death on Request, screened on BBC 2, showed a doctor. administering a fatal injection to a 63-year-old man suffering from chronic motor neurone

The Human Body, which follows the seven ages of man and includes scenes covering conception through to death, is likely to cause a similar controversy. Conception will be illustrated in strictly biolog-

ical terms. A BBC spokeswoman said that the idea of filming the "moment of death" was under consideration but emphasised that nothing had yet been. decided. The series, described. as a serious scientific documentary, is likely to be broad-

programme, anything we do will adhere to strict ethical guidelines. We hope to work with hospitals which conduct their own research into various stages of those seven ages themselves. There is no question of anyone appearing on a programme without giving their permission. The series itself is groundbreaking. We hope it will be informative and educational and, of course,

Jana Bennett, BBC head of cience, said in a statement: We have not filmed anyone's death and would not do so without the full consent of all concerned. Neither would we consider showing the moment of death without the greatest respect for the sensibilities of viewers.

Ann Winterton, Conservative MP for Congleton, one of the signatories of the earlier Commons motion, said she hoped that hospitals would refuse to work with the production team. The moment of death was essentially private and to be shared only with close family, she said.

Mrs Winterton added: "I cannot think of a word other than macabre to describe this, It is beyond belief that responsible programme-makers would wish to present this kind of material. It would be deeply upsetting for the rela-tives and the person dying. It is gratuitous and unne-

cessary." Mary Whitehouse, the founder of the National Viewers and Listeners' Association, said: "It is a subject you would have thought would never be shown on television. Death in fictional programmes is bad enough but to show it in real

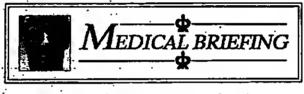


Falling in: 102 Gurkhas were welcomed into the undermanned 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment yesterday by Lieutenant-General Hew Pike, Deputy Commander in-Chief of Land Command. The transfer is a reprieve for the Gurkhas, who faced the threat of redundancy

# Why drinking and walking home can be fatal

A CORONER returned a verdict of accidental death this week at the inquest of Kevin Ward, a 41-year-old company director from Cheddar, Somerset, Mr Ward collapsed and died after drinking excessively during a friend's birthday celebration in November.

After the drinking Mr Ward decided to walk home on a bitterly cold night. He had not gone far when he stumbled and fell. Tired and drunk, Mr Ward went to sleep in the road.



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Ward died from alcohol oisoning and hypothermia. dead man's alcohol level was 400 milligrams

driving passmark. At a blood alcohol level of 400mg per 100ml, even a hardened drinker would be difficult to

The experience has shown times greater than the drink amount of alcohol in their blood, providing they were drinking at a steady rate, would probably have had about 22 drinks, when a drink is measured at a pub's standard tot of whisky, or a half a pint of beer. Mr Ward had been drinking both.

Death from the combination of hypothermia and alcohol is not common in this country but in Trarist Russia, Mr Ward's fate would have been relatively common. At that time Russian innkeepers also acted as pawnbrokers, and would take the drinker's

Contrary to popular belief, ulties.

ing chills much more rapidly than when they are sober. A drink may make a person feel warmer, but they lose their body temperature faster as the alcohol causes the blood vessels in the skin to dilate. The improved skin circula-tion results in a greater amount of blood being ex-posed to the chilling

The contents of the hip flask should only be enjoyed by those who are warm. well wrapped up, and in full possession of their fac-

# Ears wax and wane as men grow old

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

MEN'S ears grow and shrink as they age, scientists have discovered. Old men have larger ears than younger ones but the latest research shows that the changes occur in

seven-year cycles.

Researchers believe that the nose, the chin and the fingers could also follow the same pattern. Two Dutch scientists spotted the rhythmic changes when they compared the sizes of ears belonging to 200 Brit-ish men aged between 30 and 93. The men had had their ears measured for an earlier study that showed that older

men have larger ears. Dr Jos Verhulst of the Louis Bolk Institute in Driebergen. The Netherlands, who conducted the study published in the British Medical Journal, said the pattern mirrored the development of the skull. Earlier research by him, to be published shortly, showed that the fusion of the plates of the skull, causing the sutures between them to fade, follows

the same seven-year pattern.
"I have no idea why it should happen this way," he said. "But we now have two major structures showing this periodicity. It suggests that other parts of the body could follow the same pattern."

The idea of a seven-year rhythm in human develop-ment goes back to ancient Greece. It was first mentioned by Pythagoras and it was later taken up by Aristotle. In the modern world it has attracted less attention but in many countries, as in Britain until the 1960s, the age of majority is 21 (three times seven).

☐ People who regularly visit theatres, cinemas or concerts live longer than those who do not, according to Swedish researchers. They believe that cultural stimulation may boost the immune system.

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# **Briton petitions** Mandela for justice over son's death

THE father of a 28-year-old Briton killed by a traffic police officer in a KwaZulu/Natal coastal resort has written to President Mandela to highlight his son's case.

The Bradley family has discovered that the traffic officer allegedly responsible has not been suspended from duty despite being charged with culpable homicide, and the officer investigating the case is said to have been threatened.

John Bradley wrote to ask President Mandela to ensure that justice is done regarding the death of his son Kevin on November 24. Mr Bradley. who flew to South Africa with his wife to identify the body. said he wanted to make higher authorities aware of the case.

Five days before his death. Kevin Bradley had returned to South Africa to make arrangements for his marriage to Antoinette La Grange. The couple, who met seven years ago while working for a hotel and casino group, had set up home in Margate on the region's southern coast and

were running a casino there. On the night of her fiance's death Miss La Grange had received a call from the casino asking that Kevin go in to help. He was waiting at traffic lights on his motorbike when an official traffic car, travelling fast, hit a stationary car in the next lane then rebounded and hit his motorbike, catapulting him 40 metres through the air. He died about



Antoinette La Grange: fiancée of the dead man



II hours later in hospital after suffering a brain haemor-

it was later alleged that blood samples taken from the off-duty traffic policeman, Pierre du Plessis, 24, indicated

an alcohol level higher than that permitted by law. He was charged with culpable homicide but released on bail of 600 rand. Margate council, his employer since 1993, defended its decision not to suspend him on the ground that this would be tantament to an admission

investigations by The Times have also revealed that Mr du Plessis is facing a charge of intent to cause grievous bodily harm relating to an incident in December last year when he was accused of being involved in beating up four Johannesburg students in Margate.

That case is due in court in February. The pre-trial hear-ing into Mr Bradley's death is scheduled for January 13.

Simon Bradley, the dead man's brother, said his father had been in contact with his MP, John Butterfill (C. Bournemouth W), who had promised to take up the case with the Foreign Office.

A spokesman in President Mandela's office said that the matter would be referred to the Department of Foreign Affairs and on to other departments if necessary. A man has been arrested in

connection with the hijacking of two British tourists in the Transkei by a gang posing as police. The tourists were robbed and stripped at the roadside, Timothy Frost and Emma Isherwood also had their car, worth £22,000.



Kevin Bradley, who died after his stationary motorbike was hit at traffic lights

# **Farmers** trot out 3m fresh turkeys

By ELENOR SALMOND

MOST supermarkets start selling their fresh turkeys today and the most popular price, at £2.59 a kilogram, is rather more expensive than last year. Some three million birds will be on sale within the next four days, though ten million households will buy cheaper, frozen birds, despite the verdict of a recent tasting organised by The Times, whose panel came out firmly in favour of fresh.

Promotions include: Asda: garlic king prawns £3.49 for 300g, pork easy-carve leg joint £3.49 tiramisu (12-14 portions) £3.49 for 950g. Budgens: Scottish smoked saimon £6.99 for 400g, Cooks Town large gammon joint, smoked/unsmoked, £4.99 per kg, clementines £1.19 kg.
Co-op: frozen North Atlantic
prawns £2.79 for 400g, fresh
topside or silverside of beef £1,78 lb, frozen roast potatoes £1.39 for 1.36 kg. fresh cream trifles £1.19 for 397g.

# WEEKEND ...

Dewhorst: turkeys from £1.181b frozen or £1.69 lb fresh, ducks from £1.39 lb frozen or £1.59 lb fresh, geese from £2.49 lb frozen or £2.99 lb fresh.

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Tesco: rolled leg of pork E2.99 kg, whole salmon (2 lb-10 lb) £1.69 kg, white potatoes 99p 5 kg, sliced runner beans El.29 for 200g, Conference pears £1.69 for 2 kg. Waitrose: six boneless chick-

en breasts £6.49. pork chipolatas 69p for 227g, stuffed green olives 99p, for 340g. 2 litres dairy vanilla ice cream £1.99, Belgian chocolate mit truffles/bouchées £2.89.

# Founder of charity faces jail

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Susan Howe, founder of the Cot Death Society, faces jail after being found guilty of stealing thousands of pounds from the society.

Liverpool Crown Court was told that Howe, 43, from Formby, Merseyside, used a concealed "welfare account" to pay donations of £36,872 into bank accounts belonging to her and her partner. Kevin Sollivan, 40. He was acquitted last week of the same charges. Howe will be sen-tenced oo January 17.

### Fiancée quizzed

Murder squad detectives were questioning the fiancie of Lee Harvey. 25, who was stabbed to death in an alleged "road rage" incident close to their home in Hereford and Worcester. Police arrested Tracie Andrews, 27. two weeks ago but she was admitted to hospital and they were unable to interview her.

### **Duchess mourns**

The Duchess of York joined her father, Major Ronald Ferguson, and other members of her family at the fuoeral of her grandmother. Lady Elmhirst, at All Saints Church in Dummer, Hampshire. Lady Elmhirst, who was 88, died last week after a long illness. The Duchess read the lesson at the service.

### Taxman case

David Shamoon, 66, a businessman, was deared of providing a holiday for Michael Allcock, ao Inland Revenue inspector, in return for tax favours. Two corruption charges against Mr Allcock, 47. were also dropped. He denies Il similar charges. The case, at the Old Bailey, was adjoorned until January 2.

### Serb baby well

Leon Bu, the Serbian baby who has had beart surgery funded by a public appeal, is said to be "doing fine" in hospital. The four-month-old boy had a three-hour operation at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children to repair two holes in his heart. Nearly E11,000 was raised to pay for his treatment.

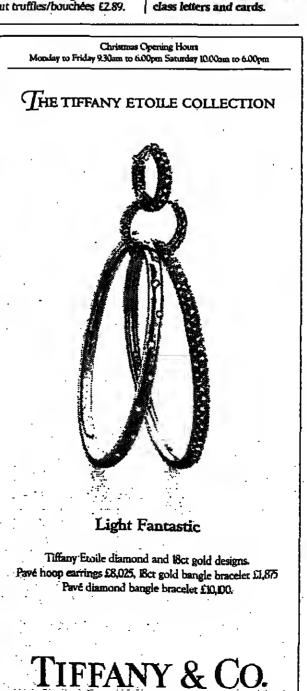
### Lightning death A farm worker died instantly

when lightning struck his gold oeeklaee. Panl Maroney, 20, was on a tractor trailer in West Auckland when the bolt struck in July. The tractor "jomped" and his shoes were blown off. An inquest jury at Darling-ton, Co Durham, returned a verdict of accidental death.

### Post haste

Today is the last posting date before Christmas for first-





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Award may set precedent in sport

# Footballer wins £14 m for tackle that ended career

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FOOTBALLER was awarded an estimated £250,000 damages in the High Court yesterday over an opponent's high tackle which broke his right leg and ended his career. The award to Brian

McCord, a former Stockport County player, is believed to be the first of its kind for injuries suffered on the field and could have a significant impact on all sports

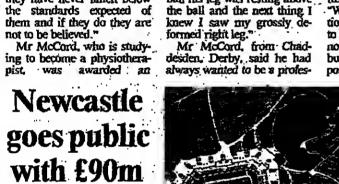
Mr Justice Ian Kennedy found that the Swansea City captain, John Cornforth, had made an error when challenging McCord for a loose ball during a game in Swansea in March 1993.

After the case Mr McCord, 28, said: "I am delighted with the judgment. I have been on income support since the accident and I was 100 per cent sure taking this action was the. right thing to do. I will now be able to repay all the friends who have helped me get by and perhaps buy a few Christmas presents. But I would much rather that my career had been left intact."

The judge said that Mr Cornforth's tackle, in which he slid down on one leg with his right foot over the ball as the two players closed for a 50-50 challenge, was "an error which was inconsistent with his taking reasonable care" towards his opponent.

"But it does not follow that those who play football do not consent to the risk of injury. There are very few professional footballers who assert that they have never ranged of they are them and if they do they are not to be believed."

Mr McCord, who is studying to become a physiothera-



stadium BY PAUL WILKINSON

PLANS for a controversial £90 million sports complex based on Newcastle United Football Club were unveiled yesterday.

The scheme will be funded

from a £160 million stock market flotation, details of which will be announced next month. and which will make the Premiership club the largest publicly quoted football business after Manchester United. Conservationists immed-

iately attacked the plans for a 55,000-seat glass-and-sandstone stadium on greenbelt land close to the existing ground at St James's Park. Both sides accept that the planned development of 50 acres at Castle Leazes and Leazes Park, on the edge of the city centre, will probably re-sult in a public inquiry. Dolly Potter, chairman of Friends of



McCord: career ended by clash which broke his leg

immediate interim payment of £50,000 and the balance will be decided at a hearing in the New Year. John England, his solicitor, said the judgment was a landmark because there was no system for players to obtain compensation for injuries received during games.

He said: "It is a very important judgment which will have great ramifications throughout all professional sports. I believe it is time for the sporting bodies to devise: some system of compensation without redress to the courts." At a hearing last month, Mr

McCord said that he assumed when he saw Mr Cornforth approaching that there would be a block tackle, when two players arrive at the ball at the same time. He added: "I didn't take my eye off the ball and I saw Mr Cornforth approach and as I made contact with the ball his leg was resting above

school aged 15 to sign as an ty. He played for Derby, but was transferred to Barnsley and in 1992 signed for

Stockport.

He told the judge: "I don't think there has been a day gone by when I don't think about the game and I miss it tremendously." His counsel, Ionathan Crys-

tal, said Mr McCord was entitled to damages from Mr Cornforth and Swansea City for pain and injury and loss of income because the tackle was 'extremely violent' and

llegal". Walter Williams, a policeman who was the match assessor for the Football League, said that in his view the tackle was among the worst three he had seen.

The judge said he had adopted the stance that an "ordinary, reasonable" spectator would take. He could understand the many witnesses who said Mr Cornforth was playing the man and not the ball but "that was not my conclusion", particularly hav-ing heard about his good reputation. However, he ruled that the tackle was "inconsistent" with taking reasonable care and it was one occasion when his skill "deserted him".

Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, said the case posed a dilemma. The PFA could ignore neither a player's rights to go to law nor the defendant being left isolated if the club's insurers refused to take responsibility. "We have looked at an arbitration method between players to avoid going to court and at no-fault insurance schemes but neither has proved



A plan of the proposed new stadium in Leazes Park. The club's existing site, right, will become an arena

the most important pieces of open space close to the city centre, not just for people living around there but for people working nearby. If they are lost the centre of Newcastle would become a much less attractive area to

live and work." Announcing the project yes-terday, Sir John Hall, New-castle's chairman, said: "We are aware of the concerns of the objectors, but the views of our fans need to be considered too. A lot of fans cannot get into St James's Park."

The project has been conten-

Leaves Park, said: They are tious ever since Sir John the most important pieces of revealed his ideas for expanding the existing 36,500-seat ground to create a sporting club similar to those in Barcelona and Milan. His proposals include a new football stadium, the largest built in England since Wembley, and converting St James's Park into an arena with a 12,000seat indoor athletics track, ice

rink, offices and museum. Earlier this year Sir John threatened to move the club out of the city if his plans were thwarted by council planners.

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Gillian Baverstock with Ben McCosker, John Lee, Olivia Hallinan and Vicky Taylor, who are among those who will share the roles

# Five go on stage to sing Enid Blyton's praises

BY ALAN HAMILTON

GOSH, everybody, look! A secret passage at the back of a North London pub leading to an audition how exciting! Though regarded as politically incorrect by some, Enid Blyton's Pamous Five are alive and well and about to go on a national tour in a musical.

Yesterday Dan Crawford, the director, made his selection from nearly 800 young hopefuls for the parts of Jolian the leader, George the tomboy, the irrepressible Dick and the sweetly feminine Anne. Timmy, the fifth member of the gang, will be played by Ben, a border collie, with two underdogs in case he falls sick. According to Crawford, the contin-uing appeal of stories regarded by many as outdated and a bad influence is that they are cracking good yarns. "Enid Blyton was a very good writer and storyteller, and storytelling is three quarters of the secret

The successful auditioners agreed. John Lee, an old trouper of 14 who appeared in the title role of Oliver! at the London Palladium and who is cast as Julian, thought the archaic

language, with its goshes, spiffings and lashings of ginger beer, helped to establish an atmosphere of adventure. Ofivia Hallinan, 12, who has appeared twice in ITV's The Bill and will play Anne, said: "Children should talk like that all the time, although when I do it my classmates at school think I'm a snob."

Gillian Baverstock, Blyton's elder daughter, has given the project her enthusiastic permission. 'I am delighted; no one had ever thought turning them into a musical before," she said. "Because the stories have few historical or geouniversal and lasting appeal."

She dismisses reports, many originating from her younger sister, that Blyton was a difficult mother who disliked children. "I had an excellent relationship with her throughout her life. I do oot agree with my sister's analysis of our childhood."

Producers of The Famous Five!, which opens in Leeds in February, were surprised to find that at least eight out of ten of those auditioned were already Blyton fans. To be weaned on Noddy, it appears, is to be hooked for life.





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Governors violated inmates' freedom of speech by trying to stop them protesting their innocence

# Judge backs prisoners over interviews with media

A JUDGE ruled yesterday that restrictions on two murderers' access to the media were unlawful.

Mr Justice Latham allowed a challenge by the men, who contest their convictions, against rules on conversaoons with reporters. In a written judgment at the High Court, he said that a restriction stopping an immate talking to a visiting journalist unless the writer undertook not to use material obtained was a curb on the

right to free speech. The judge overturned a decision by the former governor of Full Sutton top security jail near York that stopped the men receiving visits from journalists unless such an undertaking was given.

The judge said that the ban was not. on the evidence, "justified as the minimum interference with the right of free speech". Mr Justice Latham said that an appropriate undertaking could be devised to restrict topics of conversa-

tion during prison visits. lan Simms, convicted of murder in of murder and robbery in 1988, had challenged the ban made under prison service standing orders. Simms, who failed in an appeal in 1990, had begun corresponding with Bob Woffinden, a journalist interested in miscarriages of

He began visiting Simms to discuss his case and the two men became friends. But, after a report in a national newspaper, the mother of Helen McCourt, the murder victim, became distressed at the publicity, the judge

The governor at Full Sutton then required an undertaking from Mr Woffinden that he would no longer use material obtained during the visits for professional purposes. The governor at Long Lartin prison in Hereford and Worcester, where Simms is now an inmate, had confirmed that he required the same undertaking before visits would be allowed.

Mr Justice Latham said that in the second case O'Brien also protested his innocence and had written to many people and organisations to try to

a journalist, visited him several times at Long Lartin, but in December 1995 she was asked to sign an undertaking not to use the visit for professional purposes. She refused and was turned

away.

The Home Office said the undertakings required from the journalists were a result of "the normal application" of prison service standing orders on communications and there was no significant interference with the prisoners' right of free speech.

The judge said one of the reasons given for the ban was the prison service's responsibility for preventing the communication by a prisoner of material which might cause further distress to the families of the victims of crime, or the victims themselves. They were were also concerned to restrict statements "likely to outrage the public at large".

The judge said in his 25-page ruling said: "There is no doubt that restricoons on visits are necessary for the proper regulation and management of prisons and for the treatment, discicourts had established that if the civil rights of an inmate were interfered with, then the law required it should be only minimum interference.

Michael Howard was given leave to appeal against the ruling, which the judge said concerned an important issue. A prison service spokeswoman said it was considering the judgment. Mr Woffinden, author of a book, Miscarriages of Justice, described the ruling as "excellent — very good news

for press freedom". He added: "A lot of prisoners who bave pressing concerns will now be able to inform the press about what those concerns are. It also means we will be able to behave more responsi-bly because we will be able to go and talk to all the people we need to talk to. "A sense of justice and a sense of

normality has been returned. The whole thing was totally illogical. The Home Office says prisoners can write to journalists but not talk to us in person. It's much more sensible for us to meet them in person and assess their

### DIY LITIGANTS OVERWHELM APPEAL COURT

A SHARP rise in the oun ber of people resorting to law without the help of lawyers is causing "acute" problems for the Court of Appeal, the Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf, said yesterday. One in three applications to the Court of Appeal's civil division is by someone acting without a lawyer, compared with one in ten in 1989-90.

Io his review of the court's civil division for 1995-96, Lord Woolf says the number of cases has almost doubled, from 456 in 1991-92 to 809 in 1995-96. Ninety per cent of these applications (which include leave to appeal and other procedural matters) fail.

The Court of Appeal is already struggling with a



Lord Woolf: more cases

record workload, which is being redoced by lords justices working overtime and special "crash courts". Lord Woolf notes: "The oumber of outstanding applications (2,795 compared

with 1,652 in 1991-92) cannot be allowed to cootinge." In 70 per cent of cases, there is a 14-month wait before appeals are heard.

Even though judges had disposed of 2.590 applications this year compared with 1,448 io 1991-92, there were still 1.384 applications outstanding at the end of this year.

To tackle the problem, the Bar has set up a pro bono unit where barristers offer their services free to people with certain kinds of case and the Lord Chancellor's Department has provided extra funding for the Citizens Advice Burean within the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand.

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# Injustice commission lacks members with relevant experience

investigate alleged miscar-riages of justice has attracted criticism for having virtually no members with experience

in this area. The Criminal Cases Review Commission, which will take over the Home Secretary's task of deciding which cases are to be referred to the Court of Appeal, will be established on New Year's Day and will take on casework from the end of March. Although the 14strong commission contains a senior police officer and three lawvers with experience of prosecuting, there are no members with knowledge of criminal defence work.

The commission includes Fiona King, a former assistant chief crown prosecutor with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS); David Kyle, chief crown prosecutor in the centrai casework unit at the CPS; and John Knox, formerly a deputy director at the Serious

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Claims of wrongful conviction are to be heard by prosecution lawyers and a senior policeman, but nobody with a criminal defence background, Frances Gibb reports

Assistant Commissioner with the Metropolitan Police and former Chief Constable of Hertfordshire, is also a member.

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Other lawyers who have

been chosen include Laurence Elks, legal consultant with the law firm Nabarro Nathanson and previously a partner there for nine years acting in acquisitions and joint

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ard Leigh, professor of criming with miscarriage-of-justice cases." of Economics.

Only Dr James MacKeith, a consultant forensic psychia-trist, has experience of miscar-

John Wadham, general secretary of the civil rights group Liberty, said yesterday: "We are disappointed with the list because we would have expected at least a minority of people to have some know-ledge and experience of deal-

He said there should have been a solicitor or barrister with experience of a miscarriage of justice case, or a campaigner, or "even someone who was wrongly convicted". He added: "You need to be really determined to try to unpick what went wrong in these cases and, without that, the commission won't succeed in its job. But I am happy to be

nounced in a written Parliamentary answer by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. include two more who are legally qualified: John Leckey. Coroner for Greater Belfast since 1992, and Jill Gort, VAT

tribunal chairman. The remaining members are Karamjit Singh, a Civil Service Commissioner and former member of the Police Complaints Authority: Edward Weiss, chairman of the

out Britain. Today It is a

rarity even in its last strong-

Lloyds Syndicate Loss Re-views; Anthony Foster, former chief executive of ICl Chlorochemicals, and Barry Capon, recently retired chief executive of Norfolk County Council.

The commission will be chaired by Sir Frederick Crawford, a former vice-chancellor of Aston University. His appointment provoked criticism from lawyers earlier this year when it was discovered that he was high-ranking Freemason.



### Survival training equips dormice to face the wild extinction. The grey squirrel. earing so rapidly that soon the only survivor will be Lewis which arrived from America at the end of last century, is Carroll's comatose guest at the Mad Hatter's tea party. Immortalised in Alice in tougher than its red cousin. Red squirrels love ripe hazel-Wonderland, the dormouse is nuts but grey squirreis eat native habitat (Daniel leaving the reds to starve. Tusk Force is also keen to

McGrory writes). protect the Scottish wildcat. It has already vanished which once thrived through-

from seven northern and eastern counties of England and is hard to find elsewhere as its woodland habitat is destroyed. The dormouse seldom receives the attention giveo to more exotic species but Sue Fisher, head of conservation at the charity Tusk Force, said: "Extinction is no respecter of size and if We lecture other couotries about their wildlife we have a duty to protect our native species."

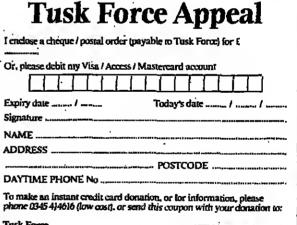
in 1995 the charity began a programme of captive breeding in Devon. Before the dormice can be released into the wild they need to learn survival skills. At a "halfway house" io Winchester, in a semi-natural environment. the dormice learn how to

forage and avoid predators. Io the Craigvinean Forest at Dunkeld in Scotland, Tusk Force is helping to fund a project to protect the red squirrel, which was so plenti-ful at the start of this century that it was viewed as a pest. Today, with only one red squirrel for every fifteen grey.



At risk the dormouse

hold in the Highlands. Scientists say they have no idea and Tusk Force is working with the Wildlife Conservatioo Research Unit at Oxford University to study its habitat and rescue it from the shadow



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# Trevi Fountain switched off as Italy mourns Mastroianni

Marcello Mastroianni said in May. "I feel it breathing down my neck." It came for him yesterday in Paris, at the age of 72.

But for the millions of female fans who know him as Il Bel Marcello, he will always be the enduring embodiment of the Latin lover, a smile cracking his handsome features, his clothes elegantly cut, a cigarette dangling noncha-lantly from his fingers. The news dominated Italian

television bulletins, with an announcer declaring: "Italy has lost one of its greatest postwar sons." The Trevi Fountain in Rome, where Mastroianni splashed so memorably with the statuesque Anita Ekberg in La Dofce Vita, was switched off and covered in black crepe in a mark of national mourning.

He was "perhaps the greatest European cinema actor of the past 50 years", the produc-er Daniel Toscan du Plantier said in Paris. He will also be

For female fans, the romantic Mastroianni, right, was a cinematic legend who will always be the enduring embodiment of the Latin lover, writes Richard Owen

eternally linked with the other great Italian cinema legend of the past half-century, Sophia Loren, who epitomises Italian female beauty in the way Mastroianni personified the charm of the Italian male. They starred together in La Doice Vita, Fellini's 1960 masterpiece, and afterwards in numerous other classics, inchuding Marriage Italian Style, The Priest's Wife, and Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. in which Loren performed her memorable striptease for a stunned and gaping

So much did they come to be seen as the ideal Italian couple that many were convinced their relationship was as intimate off screen as on. Mastroianni denied this to his biographer, Enzo Biagi, this year, shortly before he turned 72 in September.

"I know the public thinks of me and Sophia Loren as either married or lovers," he said. "It is true we have gone through life together. But nothing happened between us."

But "the public" still wondered, and in a sense it may not matter. "What matters is

beautiful women in his arms," Signor Biagi said yesterday. The actress Monica Vitti boyhood.

said that he had been "the sweetest, most lighthearted of actors" and "a great friend". Mastroianni had a number of affairs and lived for a long period with Catherine Deneuve, by whom he had a daughter, the actress Chiara Mastroianni. Both she and his other daughter Barbara, by

bedside when he died. Despite his many mistresses. Mastroianni remained married to the long-suffering Flora, and steadfastly refused to speak about "the most intimate things in my life, the

He was, to the end, as discreet, modest and private as he was heartbreakingly handsome. He thought nothing of his looks: "I am not handsome and never have been," he once said. "I have an ordinary face, the face of a country bumpkin." He was

a mountain village near Rome, and of his tough

It was only after the war that acting took over his life. His stage debut in 1948 was alongside Giulietta Masina. the wife of Federico Fellini, who went on to direct Mastroonly in La Dolce Vita but also

812 and Ginger and Fred. Mastrojanni was still acting on stage this year, in The Last Moons by the Italian playwright Furio Bordon, to rapturous receptions. He celebrated his last birthday in Portugal on the set of Voyage to the Beginning of the World, a film by the director Manoel

de Oliveira. "I could have applied myself more, done better" he said. But I've been very lucky. Perhaps my secret is that I have loved life. Deep down I still feel young - just a kid,

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Catherine Deneuve, right, and daughter Chiara after Mastroianni's death yesterday

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Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott-Thomas in The

# 'English Patient' tops Golden Globe list

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tions for next month's Golden Globe awards, more than any

other film. Among other nominations, The English Patient, a drama set in North Africa and Tuscany during the Second World War, has received those for acting for Ralph Flennes and Kristin Scott-Thomas, its British stars. It is also nominated for Best Drama and Best

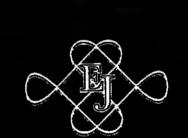
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Director. Other leading films in the build-up to the fifty-fourth Golden Globes, still viewed as a stepping stone to the Oscars despite damaging recent charges of corruption, include Shine, Evita and The People vs. Larry Flynt. Secrets and Lies, Mike Leigh's film about

A FILM about the English at south London life, has won ma category. Britons Brenda Blethyn (Best Actress) and Marianne Jean-Baptiste (Best Supporting Actress) are also

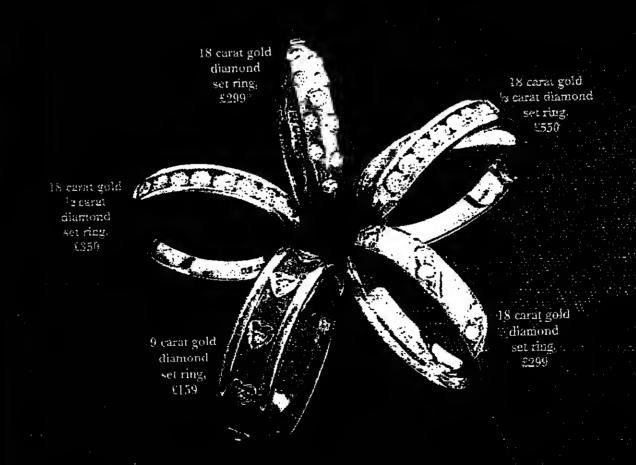
> Liam Neeson is named as a candidate for Best Actor for his controversial leading role in Michael Collins, a film about the Irish Republican

> Lauren Bacall and Britain's Paul Scofield are nominated for their supporting roles in The Mirror Has Two Faces and The Crucible respectively. Alan Parker, the Los Angeles-based British director, is nominated for his work on Evita. Madonna is nominated in the musicals category for her starring role.



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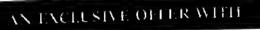


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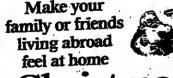
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# Bardot denies race hate in attack on Muslim sheep rite

BRIGITTE BARDOT took a leading role in a Paris courtroom yesterday to answer allegations that a newspaper article, in which she claimed France was being overrun by sheep-slaughtering Muslims, was an incitement to racial

Bardot with her husband, Bernard d'Ormale, yesterday

In an opinion piece for Le Figaro in April, the cinemade sex-kitten-turned-animal rights campaigner attacked the Muslim ritual of sheep slaughter during the feast of Eid al-Kebir. France, she said, was being swamped with foreigners. The two principal

anti-racist groups in France filed a lawsuit accusing her of illegally inciting racism against Muslims. She faces fines of Fr300,000 (£37,000) and up to a year in prison if

Mme Bardot's lawyer said that she wanted to make a personal appearance to explain her views, and planned to call three witnesses: an animal film-maker, a vet and an animal welfare official.

The 62-year-old animal rights activist has often voiced right-wing views and in newly published memoirs she des-

> ugulars," wrote Mme Bardot, ho quit acting in 1972. "My country, France, my homeland ... is again being invaded by this foreign, especially Muslim, overpopulation we are forced to submit to this Muslim overflow against our will."

cribed Jean-Marie Le Pen.

leader of the extreme-right

National Front, as a charming and cultivated man. M Le Pen recently declared racial in-

equality "a fact", prompting Alain Juppé, the Prime Minis-

ter, to accuse him of being "deeply, viscerally racist". In her article Mme Bardot

described herself as "a French-

woman of ancient stock" and

threatened to leave France

because it tolerates the Mus-

lim sheep-killing ritual, which she described in graphic, al-most hysterical, terms. Tens

of thousands of poor beasts

have their throats slit . . . while

children splashed with blood

bathe in this terrible mess of

gore squirting from badly-cut

The French Movement Against Racism described the article as a "genuine incite-ment to racial hatred". It said: We must ask whether this woman animal defender is ill, not with mad cow disease, but with the lethal virus of



By Michael Binyon Diplomatic editor

PRESIDENT Rafsanjani of Iran was greeted with full military honours on his arrival in Turkey yesterday, where he began top-level talks on the construction of a \$23 billion (£14 billion) gas pipeline the two countries are to build in defiance of US pressure.

in an important first visit to Nato neighbour that breaks Iran's isolation, Hojatoleslam Rafsaniani underlined Iran's growing ties with the Islamic Government of Necmettin Erbakan. President Demirel said important trade and economic results would be achieved during the four days.

Mr Erbakan visited Iran during his first overseas trip after taking office, signing the pipeline deal days after President Clinton announced a law imposing sanctions on any country investing more than \$40 million a year in the energy industries of Iran or

The deal's first stage was initiated last week with the announcement of a tender to construct a 190-mile stretch from the Iranian border to the Turkish town of Ezurum.

However there are lingering tensions between Ankara and Tehran over Turkey's renewed \$600 million military agreement with Israel concerning the modernisation of Turkish F4 fighter-bombers.



Zoë Efsthatiou and her husband, Demetris. They agreed to abort some of the foetuses to give the others a better chance

# Fertility treatment gave wife 11 embryos

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A CYPRIOT housewife expecting a record II babies after fertility treatment has been given an 80 per cent chance of saving four of them. Doctors planned to terminate three emoryos yesterday and said four more would be aborted over the next two weeks.

"If there was any way I could have kept them all, I would have loved to," said Zoe Efsthation, 23. Her doctor, Andreas Pat-

salides, insisted there was oo chance all could survive. "Now there is a 75 to 80 per cent chance of survival for three or four of them and this will increase after the twenty-fifth week of pregnancy," he said.
There is a possibility that Mrs
Efsthation, who is ten weeks pregnant. and her husband Demetris, 27, an accountant, could be expecting even more babies. "Because so many are cramped into such a small place it was difficult to determine the exact number. There is a possibility we may find some

more. But already this is the first documented case worldwide of so many multiple embryos," said Dr Patsalides.

In October a British woman, Mandy Allwood, 32, who was pregnant with eight foetuses after fertility treatment, lost all of them in less than 48 hours. The Cypriot couple had sought advice from her gynaecologist, Dr Kypros Nicolaides, a Cypriot who originally comes from their home town of Paphos.

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The couple aiready have a two-year-old girl, again after fertility treatment.





Yuri Khariton with a copy of Russia's first A-bomb

# A-bomb pioneer dies

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA was in mourning yesterday after the death of Professor Yuli Khariton, the

father of the Soviet atom bomb and one of the key Cold War.

Professor Khariton, aged 92, died early yesterday at Arzamas-16, the secret city 300 miles east of Moscow that he founded 50 years ago as the centre of the country's nuclear weapons programme. His

body is expected to be flown to Moscow where it will be buried with full state honours at the Novodevichy Convent the cemetery of the elite.

"It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of Yuli Khariton, who made enormous contributions in the development of atomic science and technology and created the nuclear shield for our motherland," the Ministry of Atomic Energy said.

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# Halifax spending a little Xtra £413m on flotation

BY ANNE ASHWORTH AND CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Halifax Building Society has revealed that its metamorphosis into the 30th biggest bank in the world will cost £413 million — £46 for every borrower and saver.

The total is made up of two elements: £260 million of costs associated with the Leeds Building Society merger and £153 million in conversion expenses, including fees to lawyers and merchant bankers.

The society will make its stock El0-E20 million operation. It will market debut next June in a E10 involve 13 mailing houses and eight billion conversion. Nine million investing and borrowing members will receive an average payout of £1,000 in free Halifax shares.

More than half of the conversion expenses, some £75 million, will be spent on communicating with these members. Each mailing costs around E5 million but the distribution of voting packs containing transfer documents and voting papers early next month will be a

printing companies, approximately 60 per cent of the printing capacity of the UK, while the Post Office will lay on 60 Royal Mail lorries to work.

non-stop for eight days.

The transfer document giving full details of the conversion, runs to some 150 pages. To spare a few trees, the Halifax sought Building Societies Commission approval to produce an abbreviated version but was refused.

Gary Marsh, assistant general manager of the Halifax, explained that the other half of the £153 million in conversion expenses would be spent on advertising, reprinting leaflets and removing the words "building society" from its signs. He would not disclose payments to Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank advising on the conversion. But a senior executive of another firm speculated that the bill would be £10-£20 million, with the bank offering its services at reduced

cost in the hope of securing profit-able work from the Halifax after flotation. Linklaters & Paines, the City lawyers acting for the Halifax, charges about £500 an hour.

Reorganisation and restructuring accounted for the bulk of the £260 million Leeds merger total.

Although some money is being spent on opening, closing and enlarging branches, the information technology outlay has been greater as the Halifax works to integrate its largely IBM-based

system and the Leeds's mainly Unisys system, a process that has been a struggle at times.

The interim accounts include an

exceptional provision of £51.5 million for losses on the disposal of computer equipment. The conversion cost figures were released yesterday with interim accounts for the Halifax showing profits before tax of E752 million for the nine months to October 31. The accounts have been specially prepared for inclusion in the transfer document.

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# STOCK MARKET WOKES

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### Flying high

Shares in Airtours jumped 39 p to a record high of 786'2 p after the tour operator announced plans with its US partner Carnival Corporation to buy Costa, the biggest cruise line in Europe based in Genoa. Page 23

### Metal bashing

The Securities and Investments Board issued a seven-point plan to raise standards of market integrity delivered by the London Metals Exchange" but after the report was published Labour called for big changes in the way metal markets are run. Page 22

# Delay on payout to Lloyd's names

By Jon Ashworth

serious delays in paying out funds under its ambitious

It has also admitted that about 4,000 names will have exchanges. It denied that the delays threaten a knock-on effect in the insurance market.

Ron Sandler, chief execu-tive, has written to names to apologise for setbacks to the payment timetable, and saying that "no effort is being spared" to bring the process back on track. In his letter, Mr Sandler admits that it had not been possible to settle with members by mid-December

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as intended. Mr Sandler does not give a reason for the delay, other than referring in general terms to the "complex" nature of the accounting programmes involved. He adds: "I feel sure that you will understand our concern to ensure that these processes are followed diligently and, with the benefit of hindsight, perhaps our timeta-ble was over optimistic."

Mr Sandler says the delays are not linked to attempts to collect funds from refusenik names. Lloyd's set out to recover nearly £500 million from 1.350 names in the UK, US and Canada, but the amount has fallen as members have requested talks. A test case involving debt recoveries contimes in London today.

The admissions are an embarrassment to Lloyd's, which has been quick to emphasise the importance of timetables when seeking money from members. It insists, however. that the Reconstruction and Renewal (R&R) plan remains on course. Some 8,200 out of 12,000 names eligible to receive a rebate from Lloyd's under the settlement offer

LLOYD'S of London has have now been paid. Lloyd's admitted that it has run into has paid about £260 million out of an expected distributable surplus of more than £400 million.

Lloyd's would not comment yesterday on reports of wideto pay more to settle their dues spread computer problems at Lloyd's, because of adverse linked to R&R payments. Some received £10,000 more than they were owed, while others have received £10,000 less.

Lloyd's conceded that the rise in value of the pound against the dollar would result in increased "finality" payments for names on syndicates that have written business in dollar terms. About 4,000 names out of 34,000 worldwide are thought to be affected. It will not affect accepting names who have already paid. Lloyd's would not elaborate

on whether steps had been taken to hedge against the risk of currency movements. It said the potential for increased payments had been spelt out in the settlement offer document. A spokesman confirmed that a number of names who had accepted and owe money to Lloyd's had yet to settle their dues. They had been granted time to settle their affairs. According to some reports, as many as 1,700 names are

involved. It seems inevitable that the delays, will spill over into the new year. There are fears in some quarters that this threatens a knock-on effect for large insurance brokers, who could face a situation where their tax liabilities exceed their net assets. The tax implications would be pursued directly with

members' agents, increasing uncertainty in the market. Mr Sandler wrote to names early last month, flagging "slight delays" in the R&R timetable. The intention was to complete the distribution process "as far as possible" by the end of the year.



### Dunn & Co back in hands of receiver

BY JASON NISSE

DUNN & CO, the menswear retailer specialising in hats and tweed, has collapsed for the second time in

KPMG was appointed resterday as receiver to Dunn, which employes 429 staff and has 130 stores, mostly in Wales and the South West of England.

The company was only created in June 1994 when a team of managers from Yorkshire bought the Dunn name, along with 40 of its stores, and merged it with their own group. Hodge. It has struggled as its custom-ers, though loyal, are a small and declining group of the nortalion.

Previously the retailer, which was created in 1888. had been liquidated by its owners, the Dunn pension fund, and the shops not sold on to Hodge were put into a property company.

who once represented George Walker, is to be a deputy chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (Ion Ashworth writes). Mrs Kingsmill. 49, will be one of three deputies at the MMC, and the first woman to hold the post, when she starts in

the £68,000-a-year job next September.

# Lawyer taking monopolies job

Eurotunnel, who joins the MMC in May. A former senior partner in Peat Marwick in Paris, Mr Corbett will be paid £51,000 for working three days a week. Mrs

Kingsmill will still act as a consultant to Denton Hall, the City law firm. Born in New Zealand, and raised in Wales, she has worked in the law since 1979, specialising in industrial relations and corporate governance. As a partner in DJ Freeman, she acted for Mr Walker after his ousting by Brent Walker's bankers in 1991. She said the MMC role "comes right to the heart of business".

# She will work with Graham Corbett, 62, former chief financial officer of

in Morgan Grenfell's troubled European unit trusts are today expected to hear details of how their compensation will be

The exercise is likely to cost

MORE than 90,000 investors for "gross misconduct" and who is the subject of a Serious Fraud Office investigation. Imro, the watchdog for fund managers, is looking at the use

of investors' money to buy shares in the illiquid unquoted Morgan Grenfell faces a hefry fine, which could top the previous record of £750,000 levied on Invesco over the Maxwell affair. Certain senior executives in charge of Mr Young also face fines and possible bans from working in the City for a period.

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# MG investors await compensation news

BY ROBERT MILLER

Morgan Grenfell, owned by Deutsche Bank of Germany. more than £200 million. Investors should receive their cheques before Easter, next year. The compensation is in addition to the £180 million already handed over by Deutsche to cover the more illiquid stocks held in two funds run by Peter Young who was dismissed stocks in breach of City rules.

# Asda keeps it simple | GKN faces \$400m suit

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Asda, said yesterday that the supermarket group will stick to the "simple business of shopkeeping" rather than follow its rivals into financial services and loyalty cards.

Mr Norman, who is also the Conservative Party's prospective par-liamentary candidate for Tunbridge Wells, said: Everyone in the industry is looking for other things to do on the periphery. I do not rule them out, but real success is concentrating on fresh food, value for money and service." Asda is continuing to test a loyalty card in 20 stores, but has no immediate plans to introduce it nationwide because of the high cost, he said. All of Asda's main rivals — Tesco. J Sainsbury and Safeway — have their own nationwide loyalty card schemes and offer a range of financial services. Mr Norman was speaking as he revealed profits for the six months to

■ ARCHIE NORMAN, chairman of November 9 up 15.8 per cent, to £160. million. Like-for-like sales were 10.2 per cent ahead, by the far the best in the sector. Earnings per share were 15.7 per cent higher at 4.06p, and the interim dividend was raised 12.5 per

cent to 0.81p. It is payable on April 2. Allan Leighton, who has taken over as chief executive from Mr Norman, said the company is putting more emphasis on its clothing, which is sold under the George brand name. Clothing sales were 35 per cent ahead, with children's wear sales up 40 per cent and women's outerwear up 50 per cent. The other area set for expansion within the stores is fresh foods, which had 15 per cent higher sales. Asda opened two stores in the first half, will open a further seven this financial year and plans seven large stores per year for the next three years.

# and very profitable over US subsidiary

By Ouver August

group, faces a damages bill of about 400 million after a US exhaust

subsidiary lost a class action suit. The 1996 accounts will be hit by an appropriate provision pending further clarification of the complicated judgment, the group said. It called the judgment a serback in its financial position but emphasised that the agreed dividend for 1996 will not

change. A GKN statement said: "We are extremely surprised at the outcome which we believe to be wholly unreasonable and will appeal following delivery of the judgment.

The judgment in the case will not be issued until post-verdict issues and procedures have been resolved and this could take some weeks. The issues still to be determined could result in a substantial modification of the award." Pennington, page 23 At face value the aggregate amount

GKN, the engineering and defence awarded by a North Carolina court is \$398 million. It is possible that damages could be reduced on judgment or increased to a maximum of \$554 million. Some parts of the claim are covered by the North Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act which allows for

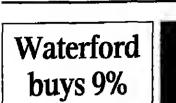
trebling of penalties. The case concerns alleged breaches of contract and other claims about advertising activities brought by franchisees of the Meineke Discount Muffler Shops.

The action was also brought against New Horizons, Meineke's subsidiary: GKN Parts Industries, its immediate parent company: GKN, its ultimate parent; and three US resident offices of

GKN shares fell sharply after the company's announcement, closing at £10.095, down from £10.45.



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FROM EILEEN MCCABE

stake in

Rosenthal

WATERFORD Wedg-wood, the crystal and china company, put an end to months of speculation yesterday when it confirmed that it is taking a 9.1 per cent stake in Rosenthal. the German porcelain

group. Under the deal Waterford Wedgwood, which is chaired by Tony O'Reilly, will acquire 60,000 new Rosenthal shares at or close to the prevailing

The Irish company said that it also has options to acquire a further 15 per cent of Rosenthal over the

next four years.

Waterford Wedgwood declined to put a value on its stake, but market analysts in Dublin said that based on Rosenthal's current share price, the 9.1 per cent stake is worth around lr£2.5 million.

Although the two companies operate in the luxury goods sector, their products are not io direct competition and they already have distribution agreements in several markets.

As well as strengthening those marketing ties, the new alliance will also give them scope to collaborate on manufacturing.

Earlier this year Rosenthal adopted a restructuring programme in an effort to cut costs after it recorded losses of more than Ir£7 million in 1995. In contrast. Waterford Wedgwood is expected to report operating profits of around IrE39 million for

Dr O'Reilly said yesterday that he was confident that the new alliance would help to restore the German group to profitability.



Raj Bagri, left, the chairman of the LME, and David King, its chief executive, yesterday after the SIB announced the results of its review

# Firms face tighter regulation and control over metal trades

FIRMS who trade on the London Metal Exchange (LME) will be subject to tighter and more transparent disciplinary and regulatory procedures, the City's chief S1B launched its review.

watchdog said yesterday. Unveiling the results of a six-month review of the LME after the \$2.8 billion Sumitomo copper scandal, the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) outlined a sevenpoint plan "to enhance stan-dards of market integrity delivered by the LME".

Sumitomo announced in June that it had lost billions of dollars on the world's copper markets and blamed its former chief trader Yasuo Hamanaka, known as Mr 5

because of concern that the

generators can arbitrage be-

tween the gas and electricity

markets. Theoretically, the

payments would reward them

for pushing gas into the gas market and then switching to

A spokeswoman for Offer, the electricity watchdog, said: "Offer is very keen that the

pool works on a long-term

solution." John Saunders, di-

rector of regulation and busi-

oil or other fuels.

Per Cent for the portion of the world's copper market he accounted for. At the request of Raj Bagri and David King, respectively chairman and chief executive of the LME, the

The SIB, headed by Sir Andrew Large, said that it wanted "an urgent and thor-ough review by the LME of its governance, so that it is clear that conflicts of interest are avoided and that it is run in the interests of the full range of its users and members".

The chief City watchdog is aware that to many outsiders, and even inside regulatory circles, the perception of the LME is that it does not appear to have enough independent voices on its 16-strong board of directors or on the exchange's executive. The S1B said that it wanted "an increase in the role, au-

thority and resources of the

LME Executive, to enable it better to meet the challenges of running and regulating a successful world market. Last year the 120-year old LME, which has grown by 700 per cent in the past eight years. traded more than \$2.5 trillion

worth of metals - chiefly copper, but also aluminium, zinc, lead, tin and nickel. More than 90 per cent of the world's copper is traded through the

On the discipline and en-One of the biggest probforcement aspect of the LME's lems facing City regulators is work the SIB says "we recom-

that many of the largest copmend that in future it [he per trades, including a num-ber of Sumitomo's previous LME establishes and enforces a policy of pursuing deals, are done off-market disciplinary action where rule through offshore centres and breaches are identified".

The LME welcomed the review, although Mr Bagri said: "You can never stop people going berserk, being greedy or just plain foolish." Mike O'Brien, Shadow Ecohanced monitoring with strengthened large positioo reporting, more and suitably experienced staff and more

nomic Secretary, said: "Self-regulation. failed in the Sumitomo case. The LME must now make urgent changes if it is to esnure its future as a recognised investment exchange. However, the LME was not responsible for most of the scandal."

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# Generators retain supply incentives

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

INCENTIVE payments to urity of supply "expeditiously" generators to ensure continuity of supply are to remain throughout the winter despite presssure from the regulator's office and large energy users.

The new set of payments were implemented by the electricity pool at the behest of the Department of Trade and Industry and are designed to limit instability caused by the use of gas contracts that can be interrupted. These contracts give fuel at cheaper prices but can be switched off by the suppliers who, along with British Gas's pipeline net-work, have given warning that interruptions are likely this winter. Generators, who already receive payments related to power station availability, now enjoy extra payments for turning to alter-native fuels and for keeping extra staff on call.

The regulator's office has urged the pool to look at a longer-term solution 10 sec-

# Gallaher to close factory

ALMOST LOOO jobs are to be lost with the closure of Gallaher's cigarette factory at Hyde in Manchester, it was announced yesterday (Martin Barrow writes).

The company is to concentrate UK production at a single site in Northern Ireland, where an additional 300 jobs will be created over the next three to four years. The restructuring will give rise to a £70 million charge. In addition, £40 million is to be invested in

Northern Ireland to install ness affairs at Offer, is high-speed machinery.
Gallaher closed a factory
in Belfast in 1988 and believed to have told large energy users' groups that the pool has been pressed on urgent action to ensure that another at Port Talbot, South Wales, in 1994. It has customers are not exploited. cut its distribution branches But a spokesman for the from eight to one since 1991. Gallaher is expected to be electricity pool said there was no deadline for a fresh method demerged from American Brands, its parent company, in mid-1997, when it will seek a stock market listing to ensure security of supply

Pool troubles, page 25

and that the pool was not convinced of a problem in the

# Rail link builders prepare for float

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent 1995 prices, but financing costs will take the total soaring past

A El billion stock market flotation to finance the Channel Tunnel Rail Link, Britain's biggest mainland civil engineering project since the war, will go ahead within the next 18 months, the builders of the high-speed route declared yesterday.

London & Continental Railways (LCR), the consortium including Virgin Group and National Express that was chosen by the Government to build the 68-mile link from north London to the Channel Tunnel, said that the rest of the money would be raised from bond issues and bank debt.

Construction costs are estimated at £2.835 billion, at

The consortium, which also operates the 186mph Eurostar trains between London, Paris and Brussels, will eventually be able to claim £1.4 billion of the costs back from the

are therefore harder to moni-

tor. To address this key issue.

the SIB has called for "en-

extensive use of technology".

The review recommends

that the up-dated technology

should also be used to police

some of the 400 warehouses

worldwide where the physical

copper is stored.

Government. Sir Oerek Hornby, the chairman of LCR, said that last month's Channel Tunnel fire would not affect the company's long-term plans, in spite of the two-week closure of the tunnel and the sixmonth disruption to services. "We are regarding this as an isolated case, which is already

showing marked signs of im-provement," he said.



# **IBC** wins £180m deal Euro van

BY KEVIN EASON MOTORING EDITOR

BRITISH workers have beaten international competition to win an £180 million deal to build a new van for Europe. The investment is worth an extra 900 jobs for the IBC plant at Luton, Bedfordshire. IBC bid for the deal against competition from Renault plants in France and Opel

companies in Germany, which belong to the same General Motors group as IBC, part of Vauxhall Motors. The announcement came as national figures showed car and commercial vehicle out-put from British manufacturers up in November by 2.28 per cent at 153,493. The figures

masked a slump at home and a boom abroad: car produc-

tion for export was ahead 19.24

per cent last mouth but shipments overseas of commercial vehicles jumped 123 per cent. The co-operative deal means Renault will provide 2.5 to 3.5 tonne vans — badged sepa-rately as the Renault Trafic and Vauxhall Arena — until assembly lines at Luton are ready to take the new vehicle

at the turn of the century. Nick Reilly, Vanxhall chair-man, said: "This agreement will allow Vauxhall to fully compete in the most buoyant sector of the UK van market. li is also of the utmost significance to the long-term future of our IBC plant at Luton as it will substantially increase the

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# **Battle for Northern** nearing its finale

THE bitter fight for control of Northern Electric ends at lunchtime today. The signs indicate a knife-edge battle until the conclusion between Northern and CE Electric. the American group mounting a £782 million hostile bid, and the takeover may be decided by a last-minute consensus from institutions. It is likely that a range of institutions will consult each other on what offers the better value and the decision could end up a 60/40 split, either way. Schroders and BZW, Northern's advisers, yesterday continued to inflame CE Electric by buying Northern shares in the market. They bought 100,000 more shares, adding 0.1 per cent to a 2.3 per cent stake purchased the previous day.

Several large institutions — controlling about 15 per cent of Northern's shares — have piedged public support for the company's rejection of the 650p-a-share bid as too low, while small shareholders, controlling about 19 per cent of Northern's equity, are thought to be largely loyal. CE Electric has acceptances for more than 4 per cent of the shares and owns 29 per cent, which it bought in the

# Mortgage fraud curb

THE Government has brought in new legislation aimed at curbing mortgage fraud. The new law will now mean that it is illegal to obtain a money transfer by deception, or to retain credits from dishonest sources. The new legislation means that it will be possible to prosecute in cases of fraud which involve the electronic transfer of funds between accounts or a transfer using a cheque. Any such transfers might include mortgages, advances,

# **Optimism for Laporte**

SHARES of Laporte, the chemicals company that suffered a 50 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits, rose 27p to 661 p after reporting better news on second-half trading. It said: "The international spread in our business together with the strong market and technology positions in specialist continue to provide the base from which solid progress will be achieved for the year as a whole. Sterling's strength will have little effect on 1996 results, although had the current exchange rate prevailed for the whole year an extra £6 million would have been lost.

# Bardon lifts stake

BARDON GROUP increased its shareholding in Bruntcliffe Aggregates, the rival building materials group, to 22.7 per cent, after exercising options to purchase shares from two former directors of Bruncliffe and Mineral & General Investments, a Jersey trust. Bardon already has convertible loan stock that could be swapped for another 5.05 per cent of Bruntcliffe. Close watchers of the situation expect that an offer for the rest of Bruntcliffe could take place in the new year.

# Tring in the red

LITIGATION cost Tring International, the budget music company that has been in dispute with K-tel over alleged copyright violations, £400,000 and helped to push it £2.4 million into the red (£1.44 million profit) in the six months to September 30. There is no interim dividend. The loss is partly because of poor trading in the summer, but also includes £2.6 million exceptional charges. The dispute with K-tel has been settled. Philip Keane is to step down at the end of January as

## **CSX** raises Conrail bid

CSX, the US transport conglomerate, has raised its bid for Conrail in a further effort to defeat rival Norfolk Southern. Conrail shareholders would receive an extra \$16 per share in convertible preferred shares as part of the portion of CSX's offer covered by shares. The offer is 60 per cent shares and 40 per cent cash. The increase raises the total value of the \$8.5 billion offer by \$870 million. Management is recommending acceptance, even though Norfolk Southern is offering more in an all-cash offer, worth \$10 billion or \$110 per share.

## Acatos profits steady

ACATOS & HUTCHESON, the edible oils and fats manufacturing group, reported a modest rise in pre-tax profits to £7.7 million for the year ending September 29, from £7.6 million, in the previous year. Operating profits were lifted to £9.1 million from £6.7 million, before exceptional items, but the group's turnover was down to £282 million from £294 million. Earnings per share rose to 14.6p from 12.2p. The total dividend is raised to 10p from 9p with a 6.5p final due on

# Henri Wintermans sold

BAT Industries has sold the Henri Wintermans Cigar Group to Denmark's Skandinavisk Tobakskompagni for £55 million, creating one of Europe's largest manufacturers of cigars. BAT said the sale would result in a small pre-tax profit. Existing sales and distribution relationships would be maintained. BAT, whose shares closed 20p up at 486½, holds a 32.15 per cent stake in Skandinavisk Tobakskompagni, which processes cigarettes, mil-vour-own and give tobacco. which processes cigarettes, roll-your-own and pipe tobacco and also owns Nobel Cigars.

## Ruberoid disposal

SHARES of Ruberoid, the all-weather protective systems company, fell 10p to 101p yesterday after it withdrew from its French contracting operations with the sale of Tocover, its subsidiary, for an estimated £300,000. The French contracting operations incurred a pre-tax loss of £300,000 on turnover of £13.3 million last year and are expected to show a pre-tax loss of £800,000 this year. Ruberoid is expected to lose £1.4 million on the sale. The company is also selling its contracting business in Belgium.

# Bank of Scotland Mortgages Direct

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Bank of Scotland Mortgages Direct Preferential Variable Rate 6.74% per annum.

Bank of Scotland Mortgages Direct Personal Choice Variable Rate 7.24% per annum.



# Mystery Arizona fan buys a stake in Chelsea

# Chairman scores on options

By Jason Nisse

KEN BATES, chairman of Chelsea Village, which owns Chelsea football club, yesterday made a 5375,000 profit on a deal to sell a 5.8 per cent stake in the group to a mystery investor, believed to be from Arizona, without informing his company secretary of the new sharehold-

Havering, a company controlled by a Channel Island trust, acquired an option to subscribe for a 5.8 per cent stake in the company given to Mr Bates earlier this year. Havering immediately exercised the option, paying £4.5 million for the shares which last night were valued at £8.5 million. When asked who Havering was, his will this week, this option will be - United expected to be valued at over £150 Alan Shaw, Chelsea's company secretary

212 notice." This is a requirement for an investor to disclose the beneficial owners of its shares under Section 212 of the Companies Act. Mr Shaw added that he could not ask Mr Bates who the new shareholder was, saying, "The chairman's gone away and is uncontactable." Inquiries revealed the investor is a private individual, living in Arizona, who is a keen fan of English football. No-one

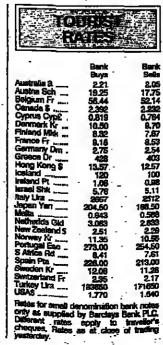
close to the dub said they know this person's name. The estate of Matthew Harding, the Chelsea deputy chairman who died in the autumn, holds an identical option and it is expected that, after the publication of

said: "I don't know. We have not served a moves will bring in £9 million of finance, 212 notice." This is a requirement for an allowing the club to complete the current stage of its development programme involving flats and a hotel behind the south stand.

Chelsea also moved to deal with the identity of Rysalle, a Hong Kong company that is its 30.3 per cent shareholder. It said it was a blind trust in which Mr Bates had no interest and the shares are now to be administered by a management company run by Patrick Murrin, an accountant from Guernsey who is a non-

executive director of Cheisea.

Newcastle United confirmed its intention to float on the stock market. Full details will be published in January, with excercised in the next few days. These million.



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☐ Doubts over copper debacle ☐ Winners and losers in supermarket wars ☐ Two questions for Berisford shareholders

☐ HOW could a company lose nearly \$3 billion through the activities of just one employee? Even Nick Leeson needed a bit of help. Easy; just ask Sumitomo Corporation. The Japanese trading conglomerate has steadfastly insisted that solo fraudulent insisted that solo fraudulent trading activities of Yasuo Hamanaka, its former star copper trader, were responsible for the corporation's losses.

That explanation is hardly credible when you consider the facts as we now know them and as outlined again by the Securi-ties and Investments Board

In 1991 senior officials from the London Metal Exchange (LME) and the SIB interviewed Mr Hamanaka in the UK, together with a senior Sumitomo executive, after they learnt that the Japanese copper dealer had asked another London trader for a backdated invoice of a fictitious trade worth \$250 million.

David King, chief executive of the LME, registered clear con-cern about the dummy trade and the large positions taken by the Japanese in the copper market. The SIB likewise. Yet Sumitomo said that false document was required for legitimate (!) Japa-nese tax purposes, and Mr Hamanaka, who has indicated that he will plead guilty to certain fraud charges, went on to account for about 5 per cent of the global copper market.

# Sorting through the scrap metal

There were further warnings to Sumitomo that also seem to have been ignored. Although this column has had good reason in the past to take City watchdogs to task, it appears that everything that could and should have been done, was. The trouble is that the metals market is dominated by a few very large professional play-ers who know the rules — there are no widows and orphans being gypped, and they should perhaps be left to look after their own affairs. The sort of regula-tion available to less specialised authorities can only be minimal

and tangential.

As to how such investigations should be handled after the fact, the Sumitomo affair is being examined by civil and criminal authorities in Britain, the US and Japan. In many ways it provides a template for the future, showing how all the different bodies should co-operate. Whether any charges, other than those against Mr. Hamanaka, are pressed remains to be acceptable to the control of the control to be seen; piecing together the huge copper trades done on behalf of Sumitomo will take

But there is a growing feeling in the City that the UK authori-ties are being too tactful and circumspect with their Japanese counterparts. It is whispered that if anyone were to be so impolite as to raise criticisms, or even be suspected of doing so, Japan would withdraw its co-operation.

This is arrant nonsense. As one of the biggest and most respected traders in the world the Japanese must learn to be more open with their international partners. Perhaps if they had listened to those warnings back in 1991 they would not be in such a sensitive

### Ringing change at the cash tills

☐ THE rich get richer, the poor get poorer, and God is indeed on the side of the big battalions — at least in the supermarket wars. The sector's interim reporting season ended with a bang as Asda stormed in with outstanding profit and sales growth. The chain's gross margins, the all-important measure for the

by confirming that it had sold

Shearings, the coach operator,

to a management team for £83

ing £30 million for a majority

stake, with the remainder

being taken by management

an older age group.

Rank is expected to complete a £300 million disposal

in with the sale of Kingston

Plantation, its US property

subsidiary, early next year for

about £60 million.

The company said in its Ilmonth trading statement that
all the businesses had moved

ahead in 1996, with film and

entertainment services per-

forming especially strongly. Video duplication volumes in-

creased 16 per cent, boosted by

major releases in the US such

as Independence Day, Mis-

sion Impossible and The Nutty

Rank added that the inte-

gration of the remainder of the

Hard Rock Café chain, which

was acquired for £270 million in June, was proceeding well.

But profits from the chain

have fallen because of a 4 per

cent decline in like-for-like

sales and the temporary closure of the Paris outlet. Rank

said that it had plans to

strongly.

Tom Cobleigh, the pub chain acquired for £120 mil-

lion, is performing up to expectations and new sites

have been identified. Rank

said it was aiming to add 20 new pubs in 1997 to the existing 52 sites.

The volumes of UK holidays

increased 3 per cent with a 5 per cent boost in retail spend-

ing at the sites, which include

Oasis and Warner. Paid ad-

missions to Universal City,

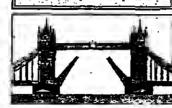
The company added that it

Florida, also rose 6 per cent.

accelerate openings.

NatWest Ventures is invest-

PENNINGTON:



a percentage point, but the company's extraordinary renaissance over the past half-decade has been more about volume growth, and this trend continued. Like-for-like sales were 10 per cent ahead, and customer numbers 7 per cent higher. And all this without a loyalty card. Archie Norman, now chairman, can contemplate a less taxing role and a political career with some confidence.

How different it was for Iceland back in September, at the beginning of the results season, reporting the first profits setback in the company's 26-year history. Since then we have had Tesco confirming its position as number one in the sector. J

Sainsbury struggling, with little success so far, to find a way to get back on top, and Safeway coming in as a solid runner-up.
The sector has, even more than

The sector has, even more than before, split into two packs. Way out ahead are Tesco, J Sainsbury, Asda and Safeway. The rest are also-rans, and the tiddlers in the sector, particularly Kwik Save, look weaker than ever. The big four have been using their buying power and sophisticated marketing techniques to steal market share. The end result must be con-The end result must be con-solidation among those also-rans, and the exit of one or more

have set up shop over here.
It will be difficult for any of the big four to snap up the smaller chains without running into competition problems, particularly if Labour is in power, so deals may have to be struck. It will be amusing to watch Asda and Tesco, for example, squab-bling over how to carve up, say, Wm Morrisons to their own mutual advantage, but the spec-tacle is likely to begin before too long. The existence of proper competition in such a market is a worry. But there is little to suggest that the tiddlers ever exerted much pressure on their more successful rivals.

### Welbilt gives no satisfaction

□ WHEN Jim Fifield at Thorn EMI, as it then was was "outed" a few years ago as earning as much as the average music industry mogul in the US and rather more than any of his British colleagues, the howis of cutted was a temperal by an outrage were tempered by an acceptance that EMI was doing rather well. Extraordinary reof the foreign discounters who

wards in the boardroom went in tandem with shareholder value. Not so at Berisford, one of this year's crop of stock market pratfalls, where over the past five years shareholders have exchanged bundles of cash for rivers of tears. A profit warning in September sent the shares tumbling, featuring a curious and not entirely explained slowdown at its American Welbilt subsidiary. Welbilt was bought for £198 million in early 1995, and along with it came Marion

Antonini as chief executive and a remuneration package of truly transatiantic proportions.

Mr Antonini remains as chief executive. His contract runs for another year and a bit, and he must be still paid a "guaranteed bonus" equal to at least half his earnings. Fine minds might muse the difference between a guaranteed bonus and a straight salary - might it have some-thing to do with disguising the

thing to do with disguising the size of the laner?

Simple shareholders should consider two questions ahead of Berisford's annual meeting on January 28. Just what is Mr Antonini doing to justify that package? And why is the company refusing to promise now that his contract, once it expires, will not be renewed?

### Shut up and pay up

MORGAN GRENFELL has developed another unpleasant trait besides losing investors' money: whingeing about it. MG claims to have been unfairly treated by watchdog Imro over the mismanagement of its European funds. But no such complaint could arise if investors bad plaint could arise if investors had not suffered first. Now is the time for Morgan Grenfell to shut up, stop bringing the unit trust industry into disrepute and pay up to 90,000-plus investors. And

The surge in Airtours shares last week was sparked

by record profits that out-stripped analysts' forecasts.

The company said then that it was in a position to spend

between £200 million and

The owners of Costa, who

have 56.9 per cent of voting

shares, are reported to have

already agreed to the deal, which is expected to be com-

Airtours also plans to sell

cruise holidays to Scandina-

vians, via its tour operating

subsidiary. David Crossland.

chairman of Airtours, said:

is forecast to grow significant-

ly and Airtours believes that

the option of cruising will

become increasingly popular in the UK and Scandinavian markets, where Airtours is

uniquely placed to capitalise

Going Places, the high street

travel agency owned by

Airtours, announced yester-

day that it was offering dis-

counts of between 10 per cent and 25 per cent for summer 1997 holidays booked immed-

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Airtours cruise

plan propels

shares to record

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

SHARES in Airtours jumped 39 p to a record high of

7862 p yesterday after the tour

operator announced plans

with Carnival Corporation, its

US partner, to buy the biggest

Airtours, the UK's second-

largest tour operator, already

runs a highly successful cruise

operation in the Mediterra-

nean. Airtours and Carnival

expect to launch a joint tender offer, which would give them 50-50 ownership of Costa. They expect to pay £181 million for Costa, which is quoted on the Miles cock exchange and

the Milan stock exchange and

formed a strategic alliance in

March when Carnival took a

29.6 per cent stake in Airtours.

Analysts expect Carnival to launch a full bid for Airtours

The acquisition is seen as a good deal since 900,000

people take a cruise each year,

and another 300,000 are ex-

pected to do so in the next four

years. Airnours shares, which

have almost doubled in the

past five months, have been

squeezed high amid a short-

Airtours

has ten ships.

in the long-term.

Carnival and

cruise line in Europe.

# Rank says £185m charges will hit full-year figures

many more months.

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

RANK GROUP, the leisure company, yesterday disap-pointed the City with a worse than expected trading statement and the suggestion that the sale of its £1 billion stake in Rank Xerox might be delayed until early 1998.

Rank shares fell 242p to 4172p after analysts downgraded full-year figures from about £330 million to £300 million. Rank shares have now fallen more than 20 per cent since April with the City concerned about the compa-

ny's strategy. Rank also said that full-year profits would be hit by about £185 million in exceptional charges, including £35 million costs for restructuring and a £150 million writedown after a property review. However, the

**Berisford reveals** £270,000 bonus

By Jason Nisse

BERISFORD, the troubled conglomerate that recently suffered a profits warning and the disappearance of a bid approach, paid the head of its US business a £270,000 bonus last year, taking his total package to £771,000.

Marion Antonini, who joined the group when it bought Welbilt for £200 million two years ago, received the bonus despite disappoint-ing figures from the US side.

A spokesman said that Mr Antonini's contract guaran-teed a bonus of at least 50 per cent of his basic salary. The bonus paid equalled 62 per cent. The contact runs until January 1998 when it can be

renegotiated. Institutional investors are opposed to both guaranteed bonus payments and contracts lasting for more than a year. One said yesterday that he would be taking up the matter with the

Berisford shares have nearly halved in value over the past year thanks to problems at Welbilt and Magnet, the Yorkshire joinery company it bought for £80 million.

Alan Bowkett, Berisford's chief executive, was given massive share options when he joined the company. They are now valued at £1.3 million.

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# New chief reflects new Whitbread

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

Bingo admissions rose DAVID THOMAS is to take over as chief executive of slightly on a like-for-like basis, bucking the market trend. Whitbread, the leisure and brewing company, when Peter Jarvis steps down next Spending per head also rose 6 per cent, helping Rank to increase gaming profit. The company added that its cine-mas had also been performing summer, the company announced yesterday.

Mr Thomas is currently managing director of the restaurants and leisure division. Mr Jarvis has served as chief executive since 1985.

Whitbread's choice of Mr Thomas reflects its continuing move away from its brewing roots towards hotel and retail activities. The company is the third-largest hotel group in the UK after its acquisition of the Marriott botel franchise, and the second-largest restau-

rants group.
Retail elements contribute 68 per cent of profits, up from 37 per cent ten years ago. The company predicts that the retail side will produce 75 per cent of profits within the next Tempus, page 24 providing just 10 per cent.



David Thomas, left, yesterday with Peter Jarvis, whom he is to succeed as Whitbread chief | age of stock in the market.

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# Citizens raises \$89m from mortgage rights

By MARTIN BARROW

CITIZENS Financial Group, the Royal Bank of Scotland subsidiary in America, has raised \$89 million through the sale of \$5 billion of third party mortgage servicing rights to Dovenmuchle Mortgage. Dovenmuchle will also

subservice the entire portfolio of mortgage loans owned by Citizens, currently \$3.2 billion. In September Citizens said that it planned to sell its entire \$8.8 billion mortgage servicing portfolio and withdraw from the wholesale mortgage The decision was taken as

part of a strategic repo-sitioning to focus on retail mortgage business through its banking franchise in New England.

Yesterday's deal was ap-proved by the Federal Trade Commission to be completed in the first quarter of 1997.

Citizens said that it would continue to explore strategic options for the remaining \$3.8 billion of third party mortgage

servicing rights.

Royal Bank of Scotland owns 76.5 per cent of Citizens. The balance is owned by Bank

expected to receive £40 million in profits from its stake in Rank Xerox.

# Digital TV guidelines set out International, owner of The Times, channels. There has been concern from BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY,

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT THE regulatory framework for digital television, the broadcasting revolution that will bring a huge increase in channels, was outlined yesterday by the

Regulation of digital television will centre on the the decoding mechanism. The guidelines are designed so that technology is not used to "distort, restrict or prevent competition in television."

Oftel will watch over the electronic some broadcasters that they will get unpopular programme numbers while the company operating the control access technology secures prime numbers. It will also look at the operation of any

subsidy can be recovered through charges to broadcasters. Oftel intends to review its plans after comments from the industry.

The digital revolution will also improve

Don Cruickshank, Director-General of

Ofiel, drafted a series of guidelines to

ensure that the market cannot be influ-

enced by companies controlling the all-

important decoders. He is attempting to

ensure competitive access to digital tele-

vision by a range of broadcasters and to

enable customers to choose services

industry regulator.

without system complications. Digital relevision is expected to start late next year when BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News

launches a 200-channel service. A terrestrial version is expected to begin in 1998. Mr Cruickshank said the guidelines, which are still at the consultative stage, would not delay the start.

He also sought to dispel fears over the potential domination of the market by

BSkyB, which has aroused concern because it will be the first player in the area and will have a head start on the decoding hardware.

programme guides with which viewers will move around the system to find

subsidy for decoders and how that

The Department of Trade and Industry earlier this week set out its own guidelines to deliver fair competition in digital television. But they were regarded by a number of broadcasters as insufficient to address fears in the industry.

the quality of pictures and sound and will enable a variety of additional functions such as interactive television.



# Billion-share turnover

# extends the festive rally

DEALERS had m contend with another day of frenetic trading, with a staggering 1.1 billion shares changing hands, as the London stock market extended its pre-

Christmas rally. Share prices closed at their best of the day, underpinned by another positive start to trading on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average was sporting a near 60point rise in early trading.

investors were heartened enough to shrug off the stronger than expected surge in the November money supply that could add pressure for a further rise in interest rates.

Instead, the FT-SE 100 index put on a further 33.1 points to close at 4.051.3, extending its lead during the past two days m 77.1. Year-end window dressing by the institutions and book squaring ahead of today's expiry of the December options were given as reasons for the high turnover and sharp price movements among leading shares.

Stock shortages drove Railtrack 2712p higher at 398p ahead of the stock going exdividend in the new year. United Biscuits, that old takeover favourite, also put on 5p at 210p as a few speculative buyers again dreamt of a break-up bid. Dalgety extended this week's lead with a rise of 4p at 354p as it continued to talk to brokers.

But brokers were unimpressed with the trading upfrom Organisatioo, the price dropping 2512p to 41612p. BZW has cut its profit forecast for the current year from £332 million to £324 million after the group warned of write-offs of £235 million. The sale of Rank's El billion stake in Rank Xerox has been put back to 1998.

Takeover speculation continued to drive General Accident higher. The price jumped 1412p to 750p. Speculators are still talking about a possible bid from BAT Industries, up 1712p at 484p, after talks with Commercial Unioo were reckoned to have been abort-

ed. CU rose 1'2p to 688p. The City gave a cautious welcome to half-year figures from Asda showing pre-tax profits 16 per cent higher at £160.1 million. The shares firmed 134p to 12512p. Archie Norman, chairman, said he was reluctant to take on the market leaders by expanding its loyalty card scheme to cover all Asda stores. The



Shares in Asda firmed 134p on first-half results for Allan Leighton, chief executive, left, and Archie Norman

price closed 3p better at News of its defeat in the US courts saw GKN dip below the £10 level, touching 969p before reducing the deficit to 3512p at £10.0912. The group now plans to make provisions to take account of an award made against its Meineke

subsidiary totalling \$398 mil-

lion. The group emphasised

Europe and currency fluctuations for the setback. The group will also take a £1.4 million hit on the sale of Tocover. its loss-making French business.

Fountain Forestry established a useful premium in first time trading on the Alternative Investment Market after a placing by Charles Stanley, the broker, at 75p.

Hunters Armley, the commercial printer, stood out with a rise of 1212p at 105p on the back of a "buy" recommendation from Panmure Gordon, the broker. Panmure has increased its pretax profit estimate for the current year from £4 million to £4.2 million. That compares with £1.8 million last time.

that the provisions would not affect the current year. profits warning left Ruberoid 1012p lower at 10012p. The fall might have been greater but the group has pegged its total dividend at 6.1p despite a disappointing

second-half performance that

will leave profits for the full

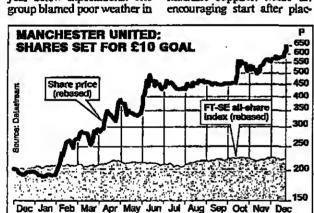
year below expectations. The

The group, which provides forest management and tree related services for private and corporate landowners, utilities and local authorities, saw its price start life at 7912p before closing at 8412p. a

premium of 9'2p.

First-time dealings in

Crown Leisure, the fruit
machine supplier, made an



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shares. Next stop, say the City

speculators, is £10. Chelsea Village slipped lp to 11312p as a major new shareholder emerged. Ken Bates, chairman, has sold options to subscribe for up to 7.5 million shares, or 5.29 per cent of the issued share capital. for £375,000. The buyer was the Havering Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Trust Company, which immediately exercised the options by subscribing £4.5 mil-lion. It now owns 5.79 per cent.

The recovery continues apace at Wace Group, the printer, where the price climbed a further 8p to 97 ap on turnover of almost one million shares.

Filtronic was another high flyer yesterday climbing 2112p to 33012p, but the shares remain woefully shy of the 470p they hit earlier this year. GILT-EDGED: The London bond market extended this week's gains supported by positive performances from both German bunds and US Treasury bonds. The bigger than expected surge in the November mooey supply revived fears that it could lead to a further rise in interest rates. As a result investors contin-

ued switching out of shorter dated issues and into the longer end of the market, producing a further flattening of the yield curve. In futures the March series of the long gilt rose £3 to £1091 16 as the number of

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NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street surged in morning trading as high technology stocks and biotechs continued their rally from the previous day. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was up 53.06 points at 6,399.83.

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# Slipping down the Ranks

company has hardly been supplying shareholders with fun. The shares have slipped 23 per cent since spring becasue of persistent worries on Rank's structure and strategy.

Andrew Teare, who became chief executive earlier this year, is trying to rebuild the sprawling giant. Gone are Precision Indus-tries and Shearings, the coach business sold yesterday- for £83 million. Soon to go are Kingston Plantation, the US property group, and the remaining Rank Xerox stake - worth almost El billion.

But for all the non-core disposal plans, there remain large question marks over the company's strategy. The suspicion is that the company overpaid for the Torn Cobleigh pub chain, purchased for £120 million, and apart around 16, are still worth clinging on to.

RANK GROUP may lay claim to be the country's premier leisure outfit, but the multiplex sites, it is still not clear how it fits multiplex sites, it is still not clear how it fits with the rest of Rank's business. The video duplication business has recorded a useful increase in sales this year, but the City does not believe that the business has a long-term future with on-line video the way forward. Too much capital remains tied up in Xerox, Universal City and real estate, and the concern is that, even when the company unwinds these stakes over the next couple of years, it has not demonstrated that it will use the proceeds in a coherent fashion.

But the market is in Rank's favour with consumer spending expected to continue to accelerate in the UK and US over the coming year. For this reason alone, the shares, which stand on a forward price carnings ratio of

as a significant blow to the

long-term prospects of the

group. Long term investors should, however, hear in

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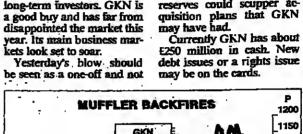
### **GKN**

GKN will be hit by a substantial charge after losing a class action suit in America over discount muffler shops. Lawyers and judges have yet to decide whether the damage will amount to \$400 million or to \$550 million.

Whatever the outcome, investors will see more of GKN's 1996 share price gains wiped out. But the news from North Carolina is not as grim as it seems.

Investors should ask themselves for how loog they are intending to hold the shares. In the short term, GKN is only a risk-takers' buy. While the damages could go up, the group has not given up hope that they may actually go down instead. For some this may be a puot to far.

But medium-term myestors should be even more



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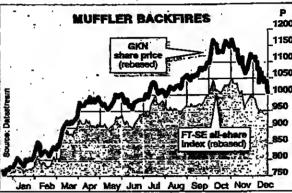
will be left untouched. But

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### Tring

WHEN Tring warned the market in September that it would only produce a "small" interim profit, what it really meant was a very small interim profit combined with very large exceptional charges.

Yesterday, the music and video distributor reported just £200,000 pre-tax profit for the six months to September 30 before exceptionals. and a £2.4 million loss after. Last year's profit was £1.44 million and a year earlier was £2.56 million.

A big Item in the exceptionals is litigation. The company says it has made "considerable progress" in settling its legal actions, brought for alleged copyright violations, and a key dispute with K-Tel has been settled and a new licence agreed. It also says no significant new claims have been received, but this is a long way from

everything being settled.

The exceptionals aside,

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trading was dire in the first half, with turnover down 19 poor August and September sales and the deferral of a large contract, but there is nothing to suggest that things have got better. Indeed market conditions are

described as "difficult". Lingering worries about legal action, plus the terrible sales figures, are likely to keep Tring's shares down at current levels. And that, as some bitter people will know well, means more than 100p below the 118p floration price of less than three years ago.

### **NSM**

WITH Coal Investments in receivership and RJB Mining hit by profit downgrades, this is no time for a coal miner to go cap in hand to bankers for more money. But that is the plight of NSM. In fact, it is difficult to remember a time when the company was not stumbling from one crisis to the next, and its record will count against it as banks ponder whether to write another cheque.

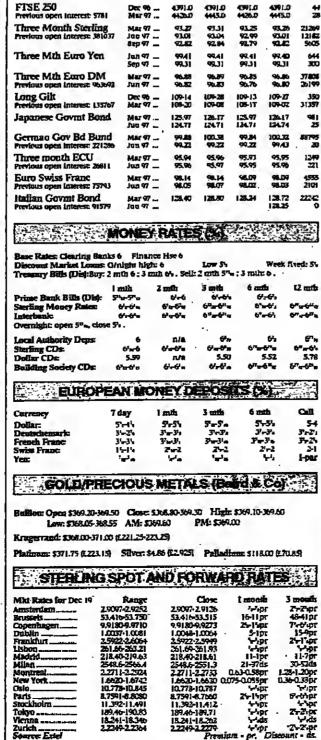
The American adventure has been a disaster, culminating in yesterday's £71.4 million charge, against its current market value of just £5 million. What remains is the UK operation, comprising a promising but, as yet, unproven anthracite mine at Pentreclwydau, and an assortment of sites in England and Scotland. But production is in decline as contracts with successor companies to Brit-Ish Coal are completed. Opencast development in Britain continues to meet fierce resistence and it is difficult to envisage significant growth in the short-term.

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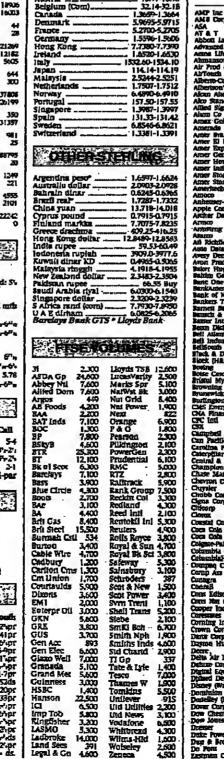
Perversely, while NSM shares fell 4p to 8p, RJB shares rose 122p to 440p, showing signs of life after their recent decline. But it is clear the revolution that swept through the industry after the British Coal privatisation has little to offer inves-

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### Policing by the book

THE Metropolitan Police made a surprise visit yesterday to the West End offices of Dennis

Publishing.
As a Christmas prank (supposedly) one of the staff hung out a sign saying "Help. I am being beld here against my will". A concerned local resident dialled 999 on seeing the note, and the police immediately sent round offi-cers to investigate.

A rather bemused recentionist told the officers that she could hardly stop people leaving at the end of an evening, and a relieved constable replied: We'll have to get the armed hostage squad off

### Sunken feeling

POOR Russell Jones. property director of Newcastle United, is ruing the length of time it has taken for Newcastle City Council to approve the club's scheme to build a new stadium. He claims to have come up with the idea for a sunken pitch and was sick as a parrot when he saw the plans for the new stadium for deadly rivals Sunderland Football Cloh with, guess what, a sunken pitch.

### Miles worse

TEETHING trouble at the Kuwaiti Investment Office which yesterday hosted its. first annual draw. Dissent hroke out among employees on the announcement of the rules drawn up to qualify for air miles amassed by KIO's highflying executives. Staff were required to have worked at least six hours a week overtime. Even one day off work sick would have invalidated their entry. Into the hat went 60 names: 20 lucky winners flew off with between 500 and 3,500 air miles.



"Sell United"

# Skirting issues

ROBERT THOMSON, the chief executive of Scottish Friendly Assurance Society, will be donning his kilt in Mackintosh tartan to-night for a ceilidh at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow. Word has it that, not to be outshone, Thomson has been in training for the gathering.

# In character

THE urbane Martin Taylor, the chief executive at Barclays, will be rubbing shoulders with the banking unions today. Fortunately for Taylor, he is fluent in a number of languages, not least of which is Mandarin.

# Tread carefully

HOT off the press comes the second issue of the Treasury's Accommodation and Secretary Team bulletin. As well as numerous reminders on how not to start a fire (don't load the electrical circuits with electrical fires, electric etties, and other electrical appliances, other than necessary office equipment). there is a tempting paragraph titled "Sticky Situa-tions". Under desks, trodden into floors, and even around the urinals are just a few of the places that chewing gum has been found lurking. Yours Disgusted.

# A sterling forecast that funds ought not to have ignored

Far-fetched sounding predictions proved to be the most reliable

ew things in life are more more pleasant than saying "I told you so" — and few things more dangerous. It is therefore with some trepidation that I turn to the annual task of reviewing the new year predictions that I made last January. My forecasts for 1996 proved remarkably successful and I am all too aware that luck has a way of turning after

a winning streak. Readers may do well to bear this in mind when I publish my views about 1997.

While most of the forecasts I made turned out to be right, the best ones, as usual, were the ones that seemed most farfetched at the time. I said that the pound would be the best pick among the world's major currencies, an idea considered risible by most economists and investors a year ago. My faith in the pound was based on confidence that the Britsih economy would grow faster than generally expected, while most other leading economies would disappoint.

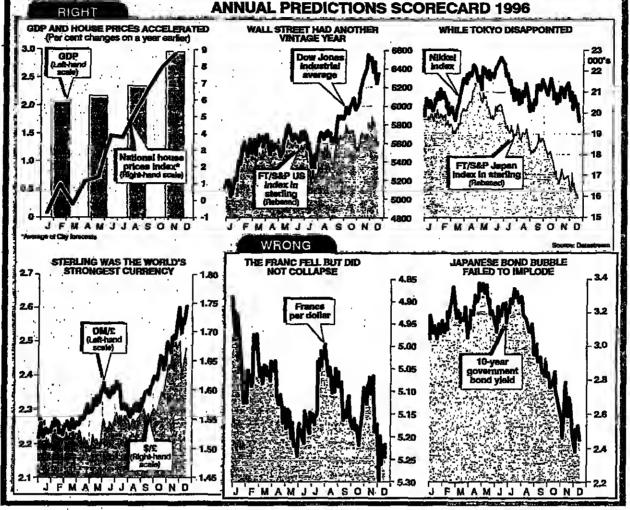
As the year progressed and t became more apparent that the pound had bottomed, my confidence grew and I presented a number of other arguments in favour of sterling among them the likelihood that a future Labour government would impose higher interest rates than the Tories. combined with a somewhat looser fiscal policy.

So far, this analysis has worked well and the pound has been easily the strongest of the major currency. In the past few weeks sterling has shown signs of a reversal, but it is far too early to suppose that the underlying trend has again turned down.

My second contrarian call. for the second year running, was about Wall Street. I stuck firmly to a view about American investment which most professional fund managers, especially in the City of London contemptuously rejected and still reject. This view was, quite simply, that American shares were still good value and that the widely dreaded Wall Street crash was not even on the horizon.

I rejected the popular argument that dividend yields on Wall Street were too low or that the heady rate of price gains had set the market up for a crash. Both of these propositions seemed to be based on a wishful misreading of the statistics by analysts and investors who had simply made the strategic mistake of underesti-

mating US profits growth.
Of course, after a gain of a further 20 per cent in the past 12 months, the question of Wall Street's underlying value has to



be considered afresh and I shall try to do that on January 10. For the moment, suffice it to say that the still-dreaded crash is unlikely to happen between now and then.

My third, even more controversial, conviction was about stock markets in Japan and Asia. I was convinced that the Japanese market would go nowhere, while most of the Asian emerging markets would continue to fall.

The view among the professionals could not have been more different. Last January. the Merrill Lynch survey of British fund managers, who between them controlled assets worth more than £1,000 billion, showed bulls on Japan outnumbering bears by a record 78 percentage points.

In the event, of course,

Tokyo put in a dismal performance - culminating in this week's meltdown which has taken the market to a new low for the year in yen terms and a loss of more than 20 per cent for British investors who were also exposed to the sharp fall of the yen against the pound. A year ago the professionals were also extremely optimistic about Asian emerging mar-kets, which have in general performed even worse. These same people were overwhelm-ingly bearish about the prospects for Wall Street.

Taking account of the profits foregone on Wall Street by redirecting money from America to Japan, the total losses for British pension funds from this one strategic hlunder can be reckoned at 30 per cent or

To judge by the latest Merrill Lynch surveys, these same British investors (along

with their fellows in other financial centres, most of whom made the same mistake) have now finally given up on Tokyo and the Pacific Basin. Given their recent track record this may be a signal that the Asian markets are finally worth buying question to which L-shall

return next month. Turning to economics, I singled out Britain as the country most likely to produce a positive economic surprise, suggested that growth might also be somewhat higher than expected in America, but that growth in Germany and Japan would disappoint.

In France I foresaw an "outright recession". This was correct in technical terms, since French GDP did decline for two successive quarters, but it reflected an inaccurate assessment of the French Government's ability to stick to its commitments on European monetary union. That, in turn, led to two of the three big mistakes I made in my financial forecasts.

I thought the franc would suffer "a string of crises" and would eventually be devalued against the mark. This turned out to be wrong, although I did suggest that bets against frame fort could be hedged by selling francs against dollars, rather than marks. This was a chance seized with alacrity by many British and American residents in France and it yielded a profit of about 7 per cent.
I also wrongly believed that

the fears about EMU would put "a surprisingly high floor" under long-term interest rates in Germany and in the rest of Europe. The reality, of course, has been very different, Although German bond yields did rise in the first half of the year, surprising many investors, they have now fallen back to about last January's level.

Meanwhile, there has been the bull market of a lifetime in the bonds of other European countries, especially Italy and Spain, which were not even considered serious candidates for EMU a year ago. Arguably they are still not serious candidates, but nobody can deny the serious profits made by investors who have chosen to take them seriously.

My third big mistake also

related to bonds. Like most rational people. I expected a collapse in the Japanese bond market, where insurance companies were eagerly buying ten-year government debt yielding less than 3 per cent to fund contracts with guaranteed returns of 4 per cent or more. But instead of exploding or imploding, the Japanese bond bubble just continued to grow.

Today Japanese bonds are yielding less than 2.5 per cent - and the insurance industry is using them to guarantee returns of 3 per cent plus. I still think, as I said back in January that "the Tokyo bond market is the next Japanese financial accident waiting to happen". But the Japanese are a patient people, as well as being remarkably accidentprone. So the long wait for the next financial accident will

just have to go on. Returning to Britain, I foresaw that growth would exceed 3 per cent year-on-year by the fourth quarter (the consensus estimate today is 29 per cent) and predicted that "the widespread pessimism about consumption, jobs and housing will soon start to lift". This was not very original; in fact it was the view in the Treasury's official forecasts.

But conventional views about the consequences of stronger growth were pessimistic. For example, many forecasters were still predicting that house prices would go on falling. I said, by contrast, that housing offered "stunningly attractive" value and prices would rise by "nearer 10 per cent than the 2 or 3 per cent most experts predict. This turned out to be right, with the latest figures from the Nation-

ing a rise of 9 per cent.
I also argued that there was nothing surprising about the economic "feel-bad" factor which still preoccupied political commentators a year ago: it was simply a function of the slowest growth in nominal disposable income in 40 years and would be replaced by the elusive "feel-good" factor with the return of robust economie growth. But I disagreed with the Tory economie determinists, such as Michael Heseltine, who believed (and still believe) that rising dispos-able incomes would automati-

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cally lift the Government's political fortunes. I maintained (and still maintain) that, with the return of prosperity, politics would become more detached from economics. "The economic revival is unlikely to do John Major much good," I said in January. That is one prediction that I will certainly be making again in my 1997 outlook, which should appear

# Electricity pool up to its neck in troubles

Christine Buckley assesses the latest clashes afflicting the power industry

nce again the electricity marketplace is under fire. Critics are mounting a two-pronged attack - over the price of electricity in the pool, the power trading forum, and over extra payments made to generators to ensure sec-urity of supply.

Large energy-user groups are lobbying the industry regulator and the Depart-ment of Trade and lodustry for change - so far with no signs of success.

Prices, they argue, are too high with generation indicating none of the price pressure promised from increased competition. The regulator had argued that more generators would create keener prices in the price-setting area of the marcet and ordered National Power and PowerGen to sell stations. After several months of a new player joining the two main generators and First Hydro, the peak electricity producer, no difference in electricity pool

prices has materialised. In fact since Eastern bought power stations from wer and PowerGen the price of elec-

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tricity has been unseasonally high with greater payments

generators. On top of the rewards offered to electricity producers for making sta-tions available to feed high electricity demands are fresh incentives to combat generating instability created by gas cootracts that can be interrupted. These contracts are struck between gas suppliers and generators at reduced prices on the basis that they may be temporarily halted at the wish of the

supplier. The DTI has urged the pool to instigate measures to ensure security of supply. Last winter the supply sys-tem came near to collapse twice. The new payments for power station standby, staff costs and some switching from gas to more expensive fuels, along with general payments for capacity, pump up the spot price of electricity.

There are also fears that the payments will enable generators to arbitrage between the gas and electricity markets, selling their gas into the gas market and then receiving payments for switching to more expensive fuels or bringing oo standby stations. The regulator can not interfere with the pool's decision unless there is an appeal from a member of e organisation. The conflicts focus fresh

attention on the much criti-cised electricity pool. It is by no means the first time it has been attacked in its six-year history. Recently J Sainsbury led a group of commercial customers in with-holding part of their electricity bills in protest at the rise in the cost of meters. The pool has faced calls from all energy consumer groups for it to be referred to the Monopolies and Merg-

complaints have triggered increased pressure for de-mand-side bidding — large customers indicating what they want and the price they are prepared to pay. The price of electricity in the pool comprises three

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> station declared necessary to meet expected demand. This will be the costliest station called to run - as the cheapest are summoned first. In periods of high demand and tight availability of power stations, capacity payments can rocket. The capacity payments, which came under enormous customer fire in the summer, were designed to allow generators to recover fixed costs and realise a return on their assets.

In August the payments jumped to their highest level since privatisation. An investigation by the regulator was said to have uncarthed no irregularities. From the start of the pool, established to orchestrate a privatised industry in a way that will ensure the lights stay on, doubts have hung over the likely outcome of such payments. Restriction of power statioo availability can hump up payments, which will merely improve the generators' profits. The large generators both had price caps removed earlier this year. Since then the pool selling price has jumped con-siderably.

# The gal who pulls in mega-bucks

Carl Mortished checks out the charms of Barbie, the fashion icon

and the very thin buy frills and furs. This patch of New York. a block from Fifth Avenue and Central Park, houses and clothes the City's most elegant

and most extravagant. But the very pinnacle of chic is not to be found at Armani. Donna Karan or Versace. Instead, walk a little further on to FAO Schwarz, where New York's famous toy emporum has erected a temple to the world's most successful fashion model.

Through a plate glass win-dow two stories high, bathed in light, is Barbara Millicent Roberts - better known as Barbie Clad in a tight-fitting little black cocktail dress with golden tresses flying she clutches a pink chiffon scarf and croons into a microphone. She is Barbie the torch singer, Solo in the spotlight. Surrounding the floor to ceil-

or designer glitter, head crowned and holding the uptown to Madison Avenue where the very rich Barbies in national dress and "My Fair Lady", Barbie as Eliza Doolittle. There is further evidence that

this is no mere plastic plaything. Priced at \$200-\$300, devotees can buy Barbie as "Goddess of the Sun" designed by Christian Dior Collectors prize such items and original Mattel Barbies from 1959 fetch upwards of £4,000 at auction. Yvonne Bentley, of Phillips, the auctioneer, says Barbie is a fashion icon collected by adults. Oute a lot of men collect Barbie dolls. Barbie keeps pace with fashion trends and has become a cult. Wide skirts in the Fifties, mini-skirts in the Sixties and hot pants in the Seventies."

Collectors lovingly study every detail, particularly the clothes and make-up. Even Barbie's mouth has changed over the years to the wide smile of a Cindy Crawford. Collecting is important, but ing image are Barbies in display \_ a small norther of Mattel's \$1.4\_



"Lieutenant Barbie", left, and "Happy Holidays Barbie"

children. Mattel claims that a billion Barbies have been sold worldwide since 1959. Sales in the UK are approaching £100

its durability is both fascinating and puzzling. Always 17 but never been kissed. Barbie has a timeless quality. She million a year, or some five graduated from Willow High School, but oddly for such an amhitjous American oirl never

festations: astronaut, air stewardess, and nurse. More recently, she was "Busy gal Barhie" the businesswoman. Could Barbie be more than she seems? Her namesake, Saint Barbara, was a virgin martyr who lived in Asia minor in the 3rd century. Locked in a tower by a jealous father to discourage suitors, she was baptised secretly. Enraged, the father tortured and executed her. Barbie as

> without apparent contradiction. Today's gift of Barbie is a more secular practice, but fans of the doll will recognise similar characteristics: the curiously enlarged breasts on the impossibly slim, chaste frame.

virgin heroine is not such a

fanciful concept. Throughout

history, cults have emerged

around female figures repre-

senting fertility and chastity

Back on Madison Avenue. the god is still mammon, but inside FAO Schwarz, devotees gather at Barbie's temple. A young mother with a toddler points to the huge Barbie image. "Look, Barbie," she repeats. "Bobby, baby" gurgles the little girl. "No, Rarbie Barbie," insists moth-

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# **BUSINESS NEWS**

# Future of NSM in doubt as talks begin with banks

By Martin Barrow, deputy business editior

NSM, the troubled private and West Virginia, which are mining company, is in talks operacional difficuloes caused a shortage of working capital, raising questions about the company's long-term survival.

NSM said that it remained convinced about the viability of its South Wales anthracite operation, provided funds were available to complete the honour local contracts and to

duction to optimum levels by mid-1997. Shares of NSM fell 4p. to 8p. yesterday after the company said that it would take an exceptional charge of £71.4 million on the sale of operations, primarily in the United

development and to lift pro-

Last month the company appointed PaineWebber Inc. the American merchant bank. to secure a buyer for its operations in Pennsylvania

likely to be sold separately. The businesses, already affected by depressed coal prices in America, have encountered environmental and geological problems. West Virginia was closed for some months while restoration work was under way, although operations have now been reopened to

The Pennsylvanian operation is now effectively reduced to one major opencast site and three deep mines, although NSM says that many of the cash-consuming restoration and environmental difficulties have now been completed. John Jermine, chairman of NSM, said: "There is a return-

ing confidence in the United

States coal sector with the

expectation of gradually in-

complete the outstanding

years, making it an attractive proposition for investors able to take a longer term perspective." Progress had been made in identifying potential buyers of the business in Pennsylvania, he added. Provisions left NSM nurs-

creasing coal prices in coming

ing a pre-tax loss of £75.65 million in the half-year to September 30, against profits of £2.52 million. The loss per share was 123p (earnings of 3.9p). There is again no dividend.

The operating loss was £400,000 (£5.6 million profit), comprising a profit of £2.1 million in the UK, and losses of £1.7 million in America, less central costs. Turnover from continuing operations was £59.6 million, rising from £54.4 million previously.



Tempus. page 24 Graham Lockyer, the Triplex Lloyd chief executive, rejected William Cook's forecasts

### **Open General Licence** Chemical Weapons Act 1996 Date of issue: I January 1997

This Licence is granted by the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 (c.6).

Interpretation

(1) In this Licence "Chemical" means any chemical referred to in the Schedule hereto.

(2) The Schedule forms part of this Licence together with any subsequent Schedule(s) which the Secretary of State may issue as a variation to this Licence at a later date.

Subject to the terms set out below, this Licence authorises any person-

(a) to produce any Chemical with the intention that it will be used for research, medical and/or aceutical purposes and in a quantity which can be justified for such purposes; and (b) to have in his possession and use any Chemical for or with the intention that it will be used for research, medical, pharmaceutical and/or protective purposes and in a quantity which can be justified

(1) A person shall not produce Chemicals in an aggregate amount exceeding 5 grammes in any calendar year. (2) A person shall not use or have in his possession more than an aggregate amount of 5 grammes of Chemicals at any time.

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give particulars of -

the location where he produced and/or has the Chemical in his possession. particulars.

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at any reasonable time.

This Licence shall come into force on 1st lanuary 1997. Afler.

An Official of the Department of Trade and Industry authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State

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(1)	O-Alkyl (< C102 Incl. cycloalkyl) alkyl	
	(Mc, Et, n-Pr or I-Pr)-phosphonofluoridates	
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	Soman: O-Pinacolyl methyphosphonofluoridate	( <del>96-64-</del> 0)
(2)	O-Alkyl ( <c10: cycloalkyl)="" incl.="" n,n-dialkyl<="" td=""><td></td></c10:>	
	(Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr phosphoramidocyanidates	
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	phosphoramidocyanidate	(77-81-6)
(3)	O-Alkyl (H or <c102 cycloalkyl)="" incl.="" s-2-dialkyl<="" td=""><td></td></c102>	
	(Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr)-aminoethyl alkyl	
	(Me, Et, n-Pr or I-Pr)-phosphonothiolates and	
	corresponding alkylated or protonated salts	
	e.g. VX: O-Ethyl S-2-dilsopropylaminoethyl	
	methyl phosphonothiolate	(50782-69-90)
(4)	Sulfur mustards:	<b>_</b>
	2-Chloroethylchloromethylsulfide	(2625-76-5)
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	Lewisite 3: Tris (2-chlorovinyl) arsine	(40334-70-1)
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		(SS <b>5-77-1</b> )
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# William Cook **PUBLIC NOTICES** pledges growth

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NOTICE IS HERREY GIVEN that

tor also given notice under the provisions of Ruis 4.182A/A(5) that he intends to noihe a titeribution to condition who, by 20 jammay 1997, have submitted their claims, otherwise a distribution will be made without the condition will be made without the condition will be made without the condition will be made to be a submitted to the condition will be made to the condition of providing proved, No further public advertisement or invitation to prove debts will be given. Dated 12 December 1996 M Cobent

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Note
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known uneditors have been, or
will be, paid in full.
DERRAGE & TURKY LIMITED
NOTICE IS BEREEST GRVRI pursum to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a sweeting of
the CRIMITORS of the showransed Company will be held at
Queen Sheet, Noveled 1982 11 150
am for the purposes mentioned
in Section 99 to 101 of the said
Act, viz:
a. To have laid before it a statement se to the affairs of the
Company.

c. If thought fit, to establish a Liquidation Committee.

A first of the sumes and addresses of the Company's endditions may be inspected free of change at the offices of Larking Gowen at Toguese Street, Mowinch, MO 2 cm. 23rd and 24th December 1996. Creditors withing to your at the meeting and who are not attending to person must lodge their proofes at 7 Queen Street, Norwick, NK2 45T no later than 12 moon no 24th December 1996. A writren suntensent of claim must also be lodged by all creditors withing to work at the meeting and the best of the control of the secured creditor is required to submit a statement giving particulant of the security, in value and the estimated unsecured the debt.

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By Clare Stewart

HOSTILITIES in Triplex Lloyd's bid battle for William Cook resumed yesterday when the steel castings group hit back with promises of strong growth.

William Cook, the target of £58 million bid from Triplex Lloyd, said that it expects pretax profits to rise by at least 26 per cent, to £10.7 million, in the year to March 29. It said that earnings would increase by not less than 35 per cent, to 36.2p, and the final dividend

by 43 per cent, to 9.25p.
Andrew Cook, chairman, said: "These forecasts demonstrate that Triplex Lloyd's ludicrously low bid fails to recognise William Cook's consistent record of growth in profits."

Triplex Lloyd responded by challenging the basis for the forecasts, citing a report in

Regulator

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**Endesa** 

FROM EDWARD OWEN

IN MADRÍD

**Pressac** to buy

October by William Cook's

broker, UBS, which had fore-

cast pre-tax profits for the year

to rise by less than 5 per cent,

to £8.8 million. The company

said that William Cook was

Graham Lockyer, Triplex

. Lloyd chief executive, said: "We simply do not accept this profit

forecast as representing a sustainable level of profitability

for William Cook under its

The Triplex offer has re-ceived initial acceptances of

5.6 per cent, and a higher offer

is widely expected. At yester-

day's price, the Triplex offer

was worth 309p per William

2טף to 357טף yesterday. Trip-

lex Lloyd shares stayed at 205p.

William Cook shares rose

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By CHRIS AYRES

THE regulator of Spain's stock exchanges is to take action against Endesa, the state-controlled electricity company, and its chairman and finance director, amid allegations of "a very grave infract-

ioo" of stock exchange rules. Endesa is charged with oot telling the CNMV regulatory commission of its plans to bid for 75 per cent of the regional utilities Fuerzas Electricas de Catalunya and Sevillana de Electricidad in October. Oo October 10, Endesa told

that the deals were imminent was untrue, but Endesa shares rose on the report. On October 17, Endesa told the CNMV it was making the takeovers. Endesa could be fined up to

the CNMV that a press report

£240 million, and Feliciano Fuster, chairman, and José Luis Palomo, finance director, up to E250,000 each.

# Italamec

PRESSAC, the electronics group, is set to roake another major move forward in the automotive industry with the purchase of Italamec, the Italian mechanical and electronic components manufacturer. for £20.7 million.

The deal, which will boost Pressac's turnover to an estimated £100 million, follows the group's successful takeover in 1994 of McGavigan. the Glasgow manufacturer of printed displays for vehicle dashboards. The acquisition will be fund-

ed through a one-for-three rights issue of up to 12.5 million new ordinary shares, priced at 180p each. Existing shares rose p to 215p yesterday. The vendors of Italamec will

receive a further £1.1 million if it meets Pressac's sales targets. The company made pretax profits of £3.4 million in

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Irish Life pays \$163m for American insurer

IRISH LIFE, the Irish Republic's largest assurance group, is to pay \$163 million for the privately owned Guarantee Reserve Life Insurance Company, based in illinois. The acquisition is the largest purchase ever undertaken by the Irish company. It will be funded from the group's existing resources and from debt financing, uarantee Reserve is licensed to write life assurance and accident and health business in 47 states and in Washington DC. The company concentrates on risk cover for older age groups, and, in 1995, its premium income topped \$81 million.

David Kingston, Irish Life's managing director, said that the acquisition represented a very significant development of the company's US business. He added that Guarantee Reserve's innovative marketing and distribution approach would open up new growth opportunities for Irish Life's existing US business and he predicted that the acquisition would be earnings enhancing in 1997. In September, Irish Life reported a 20 per cent item in its bar and in indicators ambedded value 20 per cent jump in its key profit indicator — embedded value earnings — to Ir£48 million for the first half of 1996.

# Jones & Shipman steady

JONES & SHIPMAN, the machine tools manufacturer. reported pre-tax profits of £609,000 for the six months to September 30, little changed from £619,000 in the first half of the previous year. Earnings were 2.lp a share (2.lp). The interim dividend is 0.5p a share (nil). The shares fell 2\frac{1}{2}p to 41 p. Turnover increased to £9.4 million from £8.9 million. The company, which exports about two thirds of output, said that the strengthening of the pound would inevitably have an adverse impact on sales and profits.

## **GE** raises dividend

AMERICA'S General Electric Co has increased its quarterly dividend and share repurchase programme, and announced a 2-for-1 stock split. GE's board voted to lift the quarterly dividend 13 per cent to 52 cents a share from 46 cents a share, payable on January 27. GE also increased its share repurchase programme from \$9 billion to \$13 billion and extended the programme through 1998. This allows GE to continue its daily stock purchases at an annual rate of \$3 billion to \$3.5 billion through 1998.

## Joint venture for GA

GENERAL ACCIDENT has announced the formation of a joint venture company to exploit the fast-growing Indonesian insurance market. Based in Jakarta, the new company will write general insurance and will be 60 per cent owned by GA and 40 per cent by PT Ometraco Arthaguna. It will have a paid up capital of £4 million. Ometraco is a conglomerate with interests in Indonesia which include financial services, infrastructure and consumer products.

# SME's £27m landfill deal

SHANKS & McEWAN (SME), the waste management company, is paying Hanson a total of EZ7 million for the freehold of five landfill sites it currently leases, and additional unconsented landfill space in separate transactions. SME is paying £15 million for five sites located in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Cambridgeshire. It will also acquire an additional 20 million cubic metres of unconsented landfill void at four sites for £12 million, and has pledged a further E5 million towards road improvements.

# **London Merchant firm**

LONDON Merchant Securities, the property develop-ment and investment company with interests in the leisure sector, is paying an unchanged interim dividend of 0.8p a share, after reporting pre-tax profits of £15.1 million for the half-year to September 30. In the first half of the previous year profits were £25.9 million, which included a £17 million gain from the sale of part of the company's shareholding in First Leisure Corporation. Earnings were 3.69p a share (7.58p).

### **Duller look for Armour**

PRE-TAX profits at Armour Trust, the industrial holding company with interests in the automotive, chemicals and personal care sectors, fell to £539,000 in the half year to November 1 from £1.3 million in the first half of the previous year, reflecting the impact of the disposal of the confectionery division. Earnings fell to 0.7p a share from 2.5p, but the interim dividend is being held at 0.46p a share. Trading profits from continuing operations dropped to £1 million from £1.3 million.

## Warner Estate advances

WARNER Estate Holdings, the diversified UK property investment company, lifted net assets to 259p a share from 235p in the year to September 30. Pre-tax profits rose to £16.18 million from £14.22 million and earnings increased to 15.92p a share from 13.85p. The total dividend is increased to 12.2p a share from 11.75p, with a final of 8.2p. The company said that the recovery in net assets was attributable mainly to the increase in the stock market value of its investment in The Bradford Property Trust. The shares rose 9p to 1972p.

EU-funded regeneration projects 'stifled by lack of strategy'

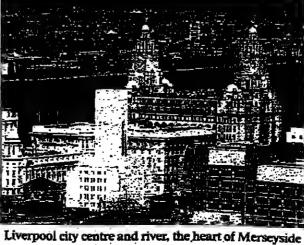
# Mersey revival plan off the beat

By MATTHEW WALL

MERSEYSIDE'S attempts at social and economic regeneration are being stifled by lack of strategy, sloppy monitoring and bureaucracy, a consultants' report concludes.

Merseyside was designated an Objective One region eligible for European Union Structural Fund support in 1993. In spite of being half way through a six-year £628 million regeneration programme funded by the European Union, just 3 per cent of the job-creation target and only 8 per cent of the private sector investment target has been achieved, according to Pieda. the consultants commissioned by the Government Office for. Merseyside, which is responsible for overseeing the pro-

gramme. Just 17 per cent of people trained through Europeanfunded vocational courses have gone on to get jobs, says Pieda, and it is "very unlikely"



mental schemes. Pieda also

says the monitoring commit-

is unclear how much it has to do with European funding rather than improvement in the UK economy.

tee, part of the Objective One Secretariat in the Government Approvals of projects are subject to considerable de-Office for Merseyside, has failed to keep a sufficiently lays" and there has been a lack close eye on the progress of of integracion and co-ordinamajor projects. John Stoker, chairman of the monitoring tion between related projects.

become deputy director of the Office of the National Lottery (Oflot) early next year.

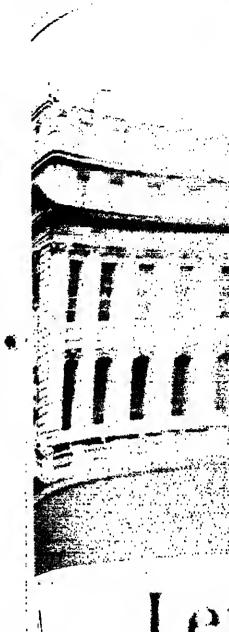
Small businesses have been largely ignored, especially sioce two of the three Business Links set up in the region specifically to help small businesses, have gone bust. But the Merseyside Special Investment Fund, a source of venture capital funding for small businesses, is proving useful and popular.

In spite of the criticisms, Pieda concludes that the economic regeneration model being used is "broadly correct" and that it should deliver the targets of 3 per cent per capita increase in gross domestic product, and 16,000 net new

iobs eventually. A project that is proving successful is the Pathways scheme, where disadvantaged local communities have a say in developing job-creation strategies in their areas. This bottom-up" approach circumvents much of the bureau-

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■ HERITAGE

Admiralty Arch. and the history that it embodies, should be opened up to the public



■ THEATRE

Joanne Pearce stars in an absorbing new RSC staging of Ibsen's Little Eyolf at the Swan in Stratford





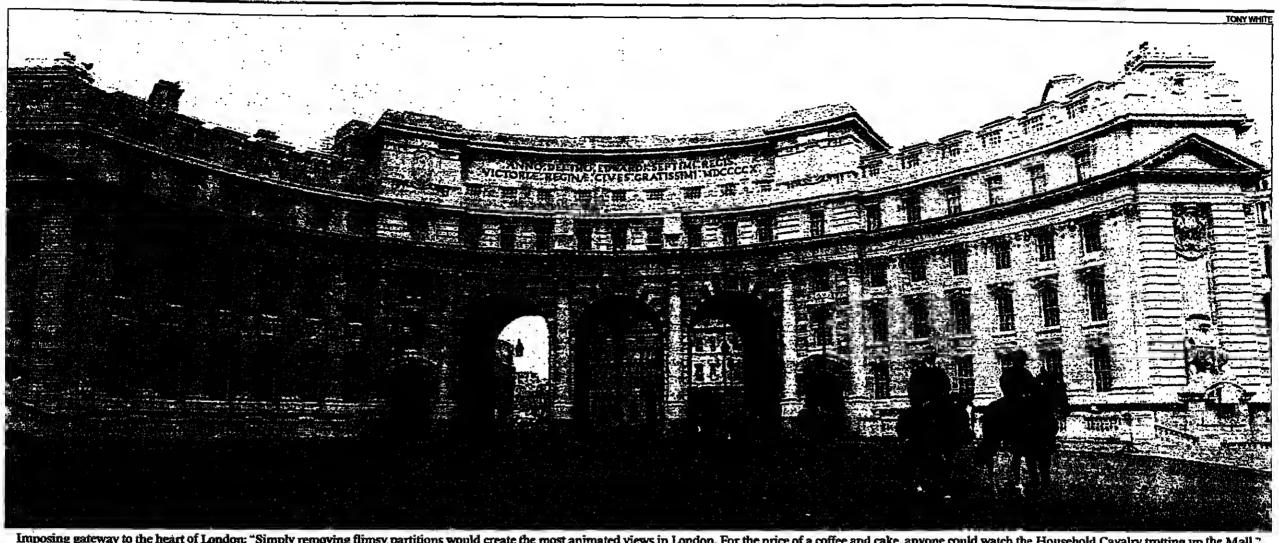
**■** MUSIC

Music by Haydn and his contemporaries is featured in a fine concert on period instruments



■ TOMORROW

How does Leslie Phillips fare on his debut at the RSC? Read the verdict of Benedict Nightingale



Imposing gateway to the heart of London: "Simply removing flimsy partitions would create the most animated views in London. For the price of a coffee and cake, anyone could watch the Household Cavalry trotting up the Mall."

dmiralty Arch was on the market little more than hours before it was withdrawn again. The Government, stung by the fury which greeted advertisements for the Roy-al Naval Hospital at Greenwich, could not face another row about "selling off the family silver". The Prime Minister bas declared firmly that the mighty arch must have a public use. But this can be interpreted in two ways: a public sector use, or use that allows the public

into the building.
Public access has to be the key. The archway may have been built principally as offices for the Admiralty, but making the building meet the regulations and Treasury norms for public sector offices has been costed at a cool £20 million.

What a waste of the public's dosh. Exploring the interior today is a depressing experience for one simple reason. Every single window is hung with the heavy duty "bomb blast" net curtains that are stanLet the public on board

HERITAGE: Everyone should be able to explore the dard issue in every government office. Pull them back, and every window offers ravishing views, up unique interior of Admiralty Arch, says Marcus Binney the Mall with its magnificent double lines of plane trees, or across to Trafalgar Square. And morial. His winning tricks were a

thanks to the deep concave recession of the façades the view from dramatic semi-circular colonnade facing Buckingham Palace, a huge triumphal arch facing Charing Cross, and three high archways for each window is subtly different. Admiralty Arch was built to the traffic - like the Second Empire design of Sir Aston Webb, who had the Edwardian era. His public Paris. To the Treasury's delight, buildings include the main front of the Victoria and Albert Museum Webb abandoned his colonnades. for the balustrades we see today, releasing money to reface Bucking-ham Palace in Portland stone. and the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth.

Webb won an invited competition to design a grand processional way along the Mall, centred on the newly commissioned Victoria Me-

He also pleased the salts of the Admiralty, showing how they could expand their growing empire. from their adjoining palaces (where Michael Portillo has his parties) into the arch.

pair of houses (London's grandest semis) for the First Lord of the Admiralty and the First Sea Lord. There was only one problem. The First Lord was not told of his new house until 1909 when it was nearly complete. He flatly refused to move, asserting that his existing house had been the historic home

of the First Lord since the Admiralty had been built. The Cabinet backed him. So the First Sea Lord moved into the grander townhouse. But as it was "too large for his status" the top floor was turned into

Inside, the main features remain: splendid panelling, baroque fireplaces, garlanded ceilings and an astonishing marble-sided cantile-vered oval stair that must be the model for the grandiose stair in the National Liberal Club, as it was rebuilt after the war.

The dumbbell plan inevitably

rooms. It is inconceivable that any office manager would think them other than grossly substandard. But it would be a complete waste of public money to knock out solid Edwardian walls, introducing ex-

pensive underfloor cabling.

The solution is simple. The arch should become a large elegant brasserie-style café-restaurant, open all day from breakfast to after-theatre suppers. Simply removing the flimsy partitions would immediately create a room with the most animated views in London. For the price of a coffee and cake, anyone could watch the Household Cavalry trotting up the Mall.

Other rooms beside the arch could be used for banquets and

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with motets and villancicos (a

private functions. The rest could become a small townhouse hotel, ff the most expensive hotel in London. the Lanesborough, overlooks the snarling traffic around Hyde Park Corner, there must be a premium on rooms in the Arch. That way, the cost of adapting the building to modern regulations would be met by the private sector.

At present there is talk that the Arch may become yet more offices. perhaps of London First, the organisation which is championing the cause of London. But the days of desks and filing cabinets should be put firmly behind us. If Mr Major is embarrassed at the idea of ing it to the private sector, doesn't he simply sell it for a hefty consideration to the Crown Commissioners who own the adjoining Carlton House Terrace? The best tenant might even be Buckingham Palace itself. Millions of hungry and thirsty visitors to the Palace must long for an elegant place in the Mall to rest their weary feet.

loose equivalent of the English

medieval carol) from 16thcentury Spain. St John's was really too large a performing

space and the acoustic tended

to favour the lower voices, but

there is no doubt of this

group's lively and polished

Tess Knighton

# Marriage of true impediments

saac Bashevis Singer is said to have fainted dead away when, freshly arrived in New York, he opened the door of his apartment to find a towering black man who grimly told him: "I am the exterminator". Actually, he was not Death, just a man whose job was killing cockroaches. But suppose there had been an antique, black-bonneted figure on the doorstep, who introduced herself as the Rat Wife and offered to rid the house of "any troublesome thing that nibbles and gnaws, creeps and crawls". Panic and superstitious alarm would have been the appropriate responses.

Onions without centres,

wild ducks, millstreams, un-

Ibsen symbol: Bridget Turner as the Rat Wife

scalable steeples: Ibsen's work
was packed with sobering
symbols. But the withered visitor in Little Evolf is the most daunting of all. She may think she is simply into pest control, but, without knowing it, she is talking of addictive guilts, half-acknowledged hatreds, and the psychological confusions that wreck the human soul. Specifically, she is talking of one of the most troubled marriages that even Ibsen managed to evoke

Admittedly. Rita and Allmers are not as alienated as the couple at the centre of John Gabriel Borkman, which Ibsen wrote just after Little Eyolf. They are at least on speaking terms. But they got married for all the wrong reserve They hisme each

Little Eyolf

Swan, Stratford

child, Eyolf, is a cripple. And when Allmers returns from an Ibsenite apotheosis in the mountains saying he means to abandon his writing career to look after Eyolf, Rita's jealous reaction is to wish their son dead. Imagine, then, the recriminations that surface when the boy promptly contrives to get drowned.

Adrian Noble, who directs, abjures the dark, operatic treatment Richard Eyre recently gave Borkman at the National. He strips the RSC's Swan stage of almost all the decor Ibsen specified, and asks Joanne Pearce's Rita and Robert Glenister's Allmers to expose themselves and their marriage in the kind of bright light one associates with the severer sort of confrontation therapy. Maybe as a result, they lack something in depth and density, but they give brave, emotionally unembarrassed performances. You cannot doubt her overarthing possessiveness, nor his anger at himself for not feeling more.

The play's ending, which reads as if it has been flung together by some sentimental social worker, comes across a lot more tentatively here. Noble knows that marital knots do not magically unravel themselves. Indeed, his Little Eyolf combines intelligence with dramatic clarity. It also offers sturdy supporting performances from Derbhle Crotty as Allmers's half-sister and Damian Lewis as her engineer lover.

The latter's name is Borghejm, but he is also called the Roadmaker and is meant to represent escape, hope and the future in the same way that the Rat Wife (Bridget Turner) is meant to warn against lifelies and secrecy. I know which symbol I would rather came knocking at my door.

ot often does a double bass player step into the limelight (except perhaps in Ronnie Scott's), but in the latest of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment's concert series at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Chi-Chi Nwanoku was the centre of attention in a concerto by the 18th-century violinist and composer Karl Ditters von Dittersdorf. The piece was written for a Viennese bass player whom Dittersdorf referred to as "the brave" Pichelberger, and courage was undoubtedly one of the quali-

Nwanoku gritted her teeth

Bravura bass, sublime Haydn ties required to tackle this showpiece of technical

Webb impressed the assessors by

the ingenious way his receding

façades concealed the twist in the

road as it passed through the arch.

and gave a spirited performance of the Concerto No 2 in E flat, with her bass (a 17thcentury Amati) retuned a semitone higher to make the key more feasible and the tone of the instrument brighter. Huge leaps, a striking use of harmonics and chattering passage-work characterised the writing for bass in the outer movements, while the central Adagio worked a more lyrical vein. It was a veritable tour de force, which Nwanoku

### brought off with aplomb de-CONCERTS

spite some initial nervousness. There was little of real musical value in the Dittersdorf, although the work does give us a fascinating insight into the performance abilities and aesthetic of an earlier age. The rest of the OAE's programme, however, presented works of the highest order: two Haydn symphonies (Nos 26 and 58) from the same period as the concerto (the mid-1760s), and Mozart's Symphony No 41. For the Haydn, Frans Brüggen used a small string section (and no keyboard continuo) that gave the perforimmediate, chamber-like feel, especially in the extraordinari-ly powerful D minor symphony (No 26) known as the

Here, as in the more urbane Symphony No 58, Brüggen's meticulous direction brought playing of the finest order from the OAE in a perfect blend of precision and excite-

THE annual Christmas festival promoted by Magenta Music at St John, Smith's Square, is under way with its usual blend of the familiar and the less well-known. Sunday evening's concert fell into the latter category, although Spanish Renaissance polyphony in general has established its corner in the early music

world. Camerata Hispanica, a recently formed group of young musicians mostly of Spanish origin, is dedicated to the furtherance of our knowledge. On this occasion, the group comprised three members from Catalonia and a Venezuelan soprano. Two, the tenor Lluis Vilamajo and the bass-baritone Pau Bordas, initially trained in Catalonia.

The group brings together two strands of the European early music performance tradition. The quality of the voices and approach to the text is representative of the "Medi-

# Authentic pioneer spirit

ONCE a group of musical pioneers, the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields now seems rather an old-fashioned chamber orchestra. Indeed, trading on a reputation established during its glory years, when it spearheaded the Baroque revival of the 1960s and gave refreshingly lean ac-counts of the Classical repertory, it now lags far behind today's enterprising "period"

Only in one respect is it more "authentic" than most of these "authentic" groups: it often plays without a conductor. Eighteenth-century performances were directed from the keyboard or by the leading violinist, and at the Queen Elizabeth Hall oo its latest London outing the Academy was again led by one of its violinist-directors, Kenneth Sillito. We heard four polished performances, but all needed a firmer interpretative hand. At least they were in a good cause this was the

Academy's Christmas concert

ASMF/Sillito Queen Elizabeth Hall

sounded congenial enough, but there is much in this late masterpiece, an outwardly cheerful but pensive work, that the orchestral playing did not reveal. Andrew Marriner was the agile soloist, who also managed long-breathed, liquid lines in the adaglo. A little hooty in the middle register. he brought warm, nutty tone to the low notes so important in this piece. Beethoven's Symphooy No I too, was given an amiable reading, but without much of the tension that points to the composer's

maiure style.
Two relative rarities, C.P.E.
Bach's Sinfonia in E minor (W178) and Josef Suk's Meditation of the St Wenceslas Chorale, added spice to the programme. Inspired by a hymn invoking the Czechs' patron saint rather than the figure of Christmas tradition. BENEDICT in aid of Landon's homeless the Sak is a sambre work for

and fear, in 1914. Modal passages recall Vaughan Williams's Tallis Fantasia, and this performance captured the music's elegiac mood. The Bach, dating from the year of Mozart's birth, is a work full of vigour and sudden dynamic contrasts. fts spiky first movement brought out the best in the orchestra, which over the years has not lost its familiar, lively and spirited

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**■ DANCE** 

The Royal Ballet presents a stylish revival of Frederick Ashton's delightful



Kenny Wheeler wears his talent modestly in a class demonstration of trumpet playing

MUSIC IN THE CTY A heate musical weekend at the Barbacan begins with a concert by the London Symphony Orchestra under Martin Yales Stars tram some or remascus currency pleying in the West End join the LSO and the English Concer! Singers to perform songs from the shows, including Music of the Night and All Ask of You from The Phantom of the Opera, Sand in the Clowns from A Little Night Music, and Memory from Cats. Mornory from Cats Barbican, Sik Stroet, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7 30pm; repeated on Sunday, 7 30pm

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Cinderella



JAZZ

# Charming all the way

The Royal Baller's con-tribution to the Christmas dance fest is its Cinderella, choreographed by Frederick Ashton in 1948 and performed more than 300 times at Covent Garden. Unlike The Nut-cracker, which is a product of late 19th-century Russian classicism, Cinderella is a homage, looking back to the grand

- DANCE ... Cinderella

Covent Garden aesthetic which informed the St Petersburg tradition. Ashton's model was Petipa.

and Ashton's ballet is every bit worthy of the old master Seen close on the heels of the Kirov Ballet (which is offering a rather scrappy Nutcracker down the road at the Coliseum), the Royal puts paid to any idea that Russians automatically do it better. Wednesday night's Cinderella cast, corps de ballet and soloists

alike, were all plugged into the

sublime classical instinct that

should be second nature to

everyone at the Kirov, but

The lucidity of the Covent Garden ensemble in Acts II and iii burnished the omate architecture of Ashton's chore-



ography, making it shimmer gloriously against David Walker's majestic palace setting. There is so much brilliant and beautiful writing in this ballet, and on Wednesday night a meticulously rehearsed Royal showed us how to read it.

Miyako Yoshida was making her debut as Cinderella, which must be a dream role for her. She is the kind of dancer who relies on the steps to speak for her, and when the choreography is as articulate as this. Yoshida is in her element She started a bit slowly in the kitchen scene, but once she

got going there was no stopping the flow of lyrically charged movement. Her Cinderella was radiant, eager and tenderly expressive. Her alert musicality enriched the choreography simply by listening so astutely to the score and being aware of the nuances that are sometimes overlooked in the sweep of Prokofiev's heavy writing. Another Covent Garden debut, that of the Russian conductor Alexander Vedernikov, helped her along. lightening the musical load by taking the score at a clip.

Beside Yoshida stood Bruce Sansom's Prince, supportive, affectionate and genuinely affecting, dancing wonderfully and acting with real ardour. The moment in Act III when he finally unmasked his mystery lady was a snippet of intimate magic that reverberated around the auditorium, In contrast to the romantic

ton gives us the Step-Sisters. the most famous drag act in British ballet. Ashley Page and lain Webb played them right on the mark, resisting the road to pantomime excess and paying careful attention to detail. They timered conspiratorially, buffed themselves up with self-importance, and brazenly pursued any handsome young man with the misfortune to cross their path.

effulgence of the lovers. Ash-

Debra Craine

# The best comes last

OPERA

Les fêtes d'Hébé Barbican

visit to the Barbican on Wednesday to make the case for yet another neglected work of the 18th-century French stage, Jean-Philippe Rameau's opera-ballet Les fêtes d'Hébé. It did so in a concert performance that started with some bumpy playing and less than distinguished singing. But Rameau saves the best numbers, indeed some of his most ravishing music, for the later acts, and by the end it was easy to appreciate why this became one of the composer's greatest successes.

The piece was first given in Paris in 1739, placing it early among the 30 or so stage works Rameau composed during the last three decades of his life. He came to the theatre only at the age of 50, with Hippolyte et Aricie, the oners to which the then still peiorative label "Baroque" was first applied. But

Les fêtes d'Hèbé is less complex, with an uodemanding plot designed only to serve the important elements of music and dance. Indeed, its subtitle. Les talents

lyriques, summarises the plot. In the prologue, Hebe, bored with the gods on Mount Olympus, calls on her attendants to journey to the banks of the Seine to celebrate the operatic gifts of poetry, music and dance. Each is featured in the scenarios of the three acts that follow, and conjured up in fast-flowing scenes. Once this performance had settled down, William colourful orchestra that included two buzzing musettes and a galoubet, the troubadour-evoking pipe-and-drum. The cast may not all have come from

the Florissants' first team, but as Sappho and later Iphise the mezzo Sarah Connolly sang with distinction, and among her various roles the soprano Sophie Daneman was best as a sensuous-sounding Naiad Jean-Paul Fouchecourt, a lively tenor Mercury. and Thierry Felix, bold as the Spartan leader Tyrtaeus, sang with franco-phone relish of words. There were also stylish performances from the tenor Paul Agnew and mezzo Maryseult Wieczorek. Even, full-bodied singing from the chorus, though, gave the keenest, most consistent delight.

# Bop till you smile 302

**Kenny Wheeler** Vortex, NI6

in the knowledge that he is among this country's most admired resident musicians, he shows little sign of it. Despite being confronted with a packed Vortex whose audience hung on his every note and applauded all his solos, the Toronto-born trumpeter was characteristically self-effacing throughout two hour-long sets during which he led the . house band (guitarist John Parricelli, pianist Huw Warren, bassist Steve Watts and drummer Martin France) through a selection of his most accessible compositions. Wheeler has been shuffling shyly on

to British stages now since 1952, when he first arrived in this country as a 22year-old, and stints with the cream of UK-based jazz composers - John Dankworth, Mike Gibbs - and pio-JOHN ALLISON | neering freer work with the likes of the

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late John Stevens, not to mention a string of critically acclaimed recordings, have established him firmly in the front rank of British-based players. But it is not until he puts a trumpet or a flugelhorn to his lips that he shows any sign of such an illustrious pedigree. On this occasion, after warming both himself and his band up with a

spirited version of Harry Warren's Summer Night, he concentrated on his own material, which is elegantly lyrical and typically understated. Wheeler imbues everything he plays with a melancholy plangency but he fires off a buoyant high-note run which hints at fiercer emotion. It is this tension that makes Wheeler's music so attractive, but

brooding titles such as Springs Eternal and — his most famous composition — Everybody's Song but My Own tend to reinforce the sombre, contemplative mood. It is therefore important that his fellow band members try to invigorate his music, and this the Vortex quartet did. Huw Warren in particular contributing a number of surprisingly gutsy piano solos: By the end of the second set,

heralded by a spot of confident improvisation, even Wheeler was allowing himself the luxury of an occasional cautious smile.

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# You could say he's a man of the world

And now for the good news — after years in the twilight zone, Peter Green is back, and playing that sweet blues guitar again. Nigel Williamson reports

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e live in the era of the comeback, but few have been more emotional than the return Peter Green, the founder of Fleetwood Mac. Once one of the most féted guitarists in British rock, Green became the ultimate acid casualty, and spent time over a period of years in mental hospitals and clinics undergoing electro-convulsive therapy. He gave away much of his money and slept rough. His wildly unpredictable behaviour was splashed across the tabloid press and he acknowledges that his illness was brought on by hallucinogenic drugs which his delicate mental equilibrium could not handle.

Today Green is 50, and lives in semi-rural Surrey with caring friends who have helped him inch his way back towards normality. His behaviour is no longer frightening, although he remains endearingly eccentric. Last summer he began a tentative comeback with a festival appearance in Guildford and a few low-key dates in Germany, Now he is embarking on a major tour of Britain for the first time in nearly two decades.

The first thing you notice on meeting Green is the delicacy of his handshake. "I have to look after my fingers because I'm supposed to lay a bit," says the man who B.B. King once described as the only white guitarist - Clapton included who sent shivers up his spine.

The modesty is genuine. He complains that promoters insist on billing "the legendary Peter Green" above his band, the Splinter Group, and he looks forward to renewed success so that his name can be dropped. "That's what

happened before. It was originally called Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac - but when we made it big my

name disappeared."

And they were big. By 1969, after a string of hits such as Black Magic Woman and Man of the World. Fleetwood Mac were voted Britain's best band by readers of New Musical Express. But by May the following year it was not only Green's name which had disap-peared. "It was a free-

dom thing. I wanted to go and live on a commune in Germany. In the end 1 never did, but I had to get away. Acid had a lot to do with it."

The drugs tipped Green over the edge, into what was eventually diagnosed as schizophreoia. He stopped making music, gave his gui-tars away (many of his most treasured

possessions ended up in an Oxfam shop) and went into a steep and rapid decline. He was eventually committed to hospital, but today tells the harrowing story dispassionately. "I was throwing things around and smashing things up. I smashed the car windscreen. The police took me to the station and asked me if I wanted to go to hospital. I said yes because I didn't feel safe going back anywhere

What followed was a nightmare. They gave me tranquillisers and I didn't really know much about it. It was a struggle just to stay awake. You don't know what you are doing. You don't feel alive."

Michelle Reynolds, in whose house Green now lives, says: "Sometimes he would stand in the garden with me for hours and not say a word. The hospital had him on 17 pills a day. One day he decided to stop. We told him to scale down slowly, but he decided to stop them altogether. That was an incredibly strong thing to do."

Green knows that he will never

be what most people would describe as completely normal. "I still hear voices in my head," he says. "It is only one voice, a woman I met in the hospital. There some scary people there and she is pretty heavy, but I haven't heard her for

a bit."

When he made it back from the brink, he started to play the guitar for the first time in years. "It hurt my fingers at first and I am still relearning," Green says. "What I have discovered is simplicity. Back to backs. I used to worry ity. Back to basics. I used to worry

and make things very complicated. Now I keep it simple." The next step was a band. Among others, the veteran session drummer Cozy Powell and guitarist Nigel Watson, Reynolds's brother, were enlisted. Now, Green seems to be as contented as a man who has been to hell and back can be. He is affable and clearly enjoys playing again. "It isn't work," he says. "Work and music don't mix. It

has to be pleasure or else I can't do The man who once horrified his

much of his fortune says that today he has no idea what he is worth; the royalties are still rolling in but he leaves others to take care of the finances. "I'm told that I have enough and I have started collecting guitars," he says, "If I want a new one I can go out and buy it and if I want to buy a new car I can."

Sadly, he has not yet resumed his songwriting — "I don't feel I have anything I need to say in a song" -and he is also ambivalent about the handful of his classics which the new band performs. "We do Albatross, Black Mogic Woman and Green Manilishi, hut I only play the rhythm on Albatross," he says. I don't want it to be Fleetwood Mac

His natural diffidence means that Green finds it hard to cope with being treated as a rock legend, "So far it has been OK but I haven" really been back long enough to

There will be a live album from the new tour, "mostly blues stuff I enjoy doing, things like Goin' Down and a couple of Robert Johnson songs". But Green then resurrects a 1960s chestnut, much debated in student union bars of the time. "White men can't really play the blues," he says adamantly. When pressed, he concedes that Clapton "doesn't do badly", but seems incredulous that his own work should be rated alongside the great black American guitarists.

Finally, given what he has been through, would he turn back the clock? "There would be no point." he says. "I'd only do the same things all over again."

Peter Green and the Splinter Group play the Shepherds Bush Empire on



Tina Turner: continuing to defy the passage of time

# Icon for all tastes

THE dresses grow shorter as the stilettos get higher as she grows older. In another three years she will qualify for the free bus pass but Tina Turner continues to defy the passage of time, scornful critics and all known logic.

She appeals to several different audiences: mainstream rockers, the old soul crowd and those drawn by the appeal of the feminist icon - the woman who 20 years ago walked out on an abusive marriage, deep in debt and living on food stamps, who came back from rock bottom to scale the peaks and prove that sisters can do it for

themselves. Thus it is no surprise that she can still sell out Wembley Arena for three successive nights. She came on stage blowing kisses and screeching like an overexcited teenager. and at 57 she is blessed with more energy than many half her age. She went straight into River Deep, Mountain High while the huge screen behind her showed footage of her belting out the song on Ready Steady Go! or some such show 30 years ago. Amazingly, she looks better today than she did then, and whether it is HRT, cosmetic surgery or some secret magic elixir hard-

ly matters. Yet she doesn't dance quite as frenerically as of old and there was a major shock in store. At one point a high stool appeared and she sat down through four entire songs. Musically this was the most satisfying segment of the show. Her voice does not have the depth of Aretha Franklin's, but there is a fine, gritty blues power when she sings such soul classics as Let's Stay Together and I Can't Stand the Rain, and the voice is at its best when she stills her flailREDMAN Muddy Waters (Def Jam/Mercury 533 470) E15,49

RAP has become such an integral part of pop this year that you hardly notice it as such among the catchy choruses and upbeat messages of songs by the Fugees or Spice Girls. But the hardcore stuff still has a somewhat jarring effect on ears not tuned in to the tongue-twisting jargon and splenetic aggression of its

more macho protagonists.

Although New York rapper Redman remains stuck in the second division, he is wittier than many. His key preoccupation, however, is with the apparently limitless wonders of smoking of smoking dope, a theme which acts like magnetic oorth on the compass guiding him through Muddy Waters. On tracks such as Whateva Mon, Smoke Buddah and Rollin' twhich recalls the old Rowhide theme), what he says as man's right to take the weed is vigorously upheld. Small wonder, perhaps, that the

# Literate, but bad at numbers

numbering of the titles on the cover has got rather muddled. with the majority failing to correspond to the actual tracks

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THE much-fancied but as yet little-heard group Picture House has been talked up as an Irish version of Crowded House. And on the surface the 12 songs on their debut, Shine Box, lend some weight to the suggestion. But in the slippery world of "quality adult pop" in is a thin line between the artful statements of Neil Finn and the bland tunesmithery of,

say, Phil Collins. The fact that singer Dave Browne's voice sounds eerily like that of Collins on tracks such as Worldwide TV and I Know Better Now is not especially helpful to their case.

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than intended.

VARIOUS ARTISTS Club Mix 97 (Polygram TV 553 201; two

discs) £15.99 TIME was when these dance compilacions were peopled entirely by acts that only specialists had heard of. But as the dance scene continues its march towards mainstream acceptance, it is beginning to throw up names and numbers that actually mean something

to the rest of us. You could not ask for a better start than the Prodigy's recent chart-topper Breathe, and no one could call artists Shamen and Dina Carroll one-hit wonders. The signs are that dance is going to be

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Tina Turner

Wembley Arena

The rest was the familiar,

stomping storming formula as she ran through 20 songs.

old and new. Encouragingly

much of the material on the

new album Wildest Dreams is as strong as anything she has recorded since the early 1980s.

A rousing finale gave us Addicted to Love, Simply the

Best and Whot's Love Got To Do With It. She will probably

sound even better by the time

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she gets that bus pass.

We start at sunrise, 8am, and in need of the jangly pop bliss of the Bluetones' Expecting to Fly, with its Byrdsian harmonies and witty insouciance. Similar breeziness comes from Dodgy's Glastonbury-on-vinyl Free Peace Sweet and Suede's zestful Coming Up. Now we're up to lunch. What better way to speed the digestion of a crisp sandwich and a bag of funsized Crunchie hars than Gabrielle's astonishingly under-rated Gabrielle. ŎK. she didn't spend that long on the title, but every other detail is as meticulous as the vision is sweeping. The songs that weren't released as singles are even better than the

ones that were.

# Red-letter day

The afternoon and early evening mean that things can get a little faster, and a little darker. Babybird's Ugly Beautiful has amount of pop shimmer, but the surface breaks fre-

requisite quently into a world of lop-sided

tured American counterpart, Beck, did much the same thing on his Odelay, but more twisted and feverish. Things get darker, stickier and more frantic on



CAITLIN MORAN

storter to crush your spine with a deluge of

break-beats. Then, when you've got back from the corner shop with your fags and beans, stick the Fugees' The Score on and spend a velveteen hour smoking your

through it than the Aloof, and a trio with more comedowns than a charity parachutist. The Sinking is the second finest of all the fine records of 1996 - while being breathlessly modern and sleek, with glossy samples and thunderous loops, it also seems suspended and out of As it's past Iam now. it's

time to play the greatest album of 1996. So the Divine Comedy's Casanova returns to the stereo it has roosted on all this year. Thrill again to the way All Through the Long and Sleepless Night paces the same small, frus-trated circle. Feel your eyes fill with tears as Songs of Love - a song as beautiful, delicate and whole as a really wonderful pie - turns the theme music from Father

the sound of the coming year, which would make Club Mix 97 an especially timely collection but for the fact that these tracks were all released in 1996 or earlier.

STINA NORDENSTAM Dynamite (East West 0630-15605)

THE photograph on the back of Dynomite makes her look

like the villain in a Stephen

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King story, and Swedish sing-er Stina Nordenstam does

little to dispel the impression

on her moody and frequently

unsettling third album. Plec-

trums scrape guitar strings

like chalk drawn across a

blackboard on Under Your

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that grips the attention as she half-sings, half-whispers her English lyrics in a bizarrely lilting, Scandinavian accent that makes Biork's efforts sound like received pronunciation.

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Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Marchday Holdings Ltd Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Aldous and Lord

Justice Ward [Judgment December II] Work carried out on an existing building could amount to more than its conversion, reconstruction alteration or enlargement so as to be zero-rated under the Value

Added Tax Act 1983. The Court of Appeal so beld in a reserved judgment by a majority. Lord Justice Ward dissenting. dismissing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise from the dismissal by Mr Justice Laws ([1995] STC 898) of Marchday Holdings Ltd.

Mr Nigel Pleming, QC, for the commissioners; Mr Roderick Cordara, QC, and Miss Perdita Cargill-Thompson for Marchday. LORD JUSTICE STUART-

SMITTI said that the tribunal had allowed the company's appeal against a decision of the commissioners regarding the treatment for value-added tax purposes of a construction project carried out by the company at 44-52 Banner Street, City of London.

The question at issue concerned the entitlement of the company to imput tax credit which depended on whether the supply to which it was attributable, namely, the supply of a major interest in. or in any part of the building, was zero-rated under item 1 of group 8 of Schedule 5 to the 1983 Act.

That turned on whether the company was a "person construct-ing a building" within nem 1 or whether the case fell within the exclusion in note I(A) to item ]. The commissioners held that it fell within the exclusion and was therefore standard-rated, the tribunal that It did not fall within the exclusion and was zero-rated.

Where a supply was zero-rated within section 16 of the 1983 Act the consequences, by section 16(1), were that no tax would be charged on the supply, but in all other respects it would be treated as a taxable supply. The result was that the taxpayer would be entitled to credit in respect of input tax upon supplies made to him in connec-

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tion with zero-rated supplies made by him.

Section 16(2) provides: "A supply virtue of this subsection if the goods or services are of a description for the time being specified in thedule 5 to this Act or the supply is of a description for the time being so specified."

The relevant part of Schedule 5 was group 8, the material items of which were:

"I The granting by a person constructing a building of a major interest in, or in any part of, the 2 The supply in the course of the

construction or demolition of any building ... of any services. ... By note (IA) to those items "Any reference in item 2 ... to the construction of any building ... does not include a reference to (a) the conversion, reconstruction, alteration or enlargement of any existing building . . . (b) any extension or annexation to an existing building which provides for in-ternal access to the existing build-

to a person constructing a building The critical question the tribunal had to answer was whether the work carried out at the site amounted to "the conversion, reconstruction, alteration or enlargement of an existing build-

g" within note (IA). There was an existing building before the company commenced any work. However, the appearance of the building's faca wholly different from what it was before any works were started. The tribunal said: "The question which we must ask ourselves is

whether the work done ... amounted to the conversion. reconstruction, alteration or enlargement of the existing building . . . or whether the end result is a new building."

It was Mr Pleming's submission
that the tribunal fell into error in

considering whether the end result was a new building. The sole question, he contended, was whether there had been a conversion, reconstruction, alteration or enlargement of the building that existed before any work was done. The judge rejected that sub-

mission. His Lordship agreed with the judge. Mr Pleming's construc-

[Judgment November 29]

Accordingly, those principles did not apply to the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food's

implement Community law. Weddel Swift Ltd and Swallow

exporters with slaughtering and cutong facilities in response to the ommission occasion, The applicants challenged the ground that it discriminated un-fairly and without any objective justification in layour of meat exporters with their own slaughtering and cutting-up facilities to the detriment of exporters such as the applicants without such facilities; and that the scheme was thus in breach of the fun-

reconstruction, alteration or enlargement. Mr Nicholas Green for the Solicitors: Solicitor. Customs applicants: Mr Kenneth Parker. OC. for MAFF and IBAP. and Excise; Mainprice & Co.

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the following address:

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the general or fundamental principle of European Community law undoubtedly included the principle of equal treatment, or nondiscrimination, requiring decision-makers to treat like cases alike unless there existed an objective justification to discriminate.

In deciding whether the Community rule applied to the scheme, his Lordship had first to consider what was the correct test by which to resolve the question.

Mr Green relied on the European Court of Justice decision in Case C-92/92 Phil Collins v Imtrat Handelsgesellschaft mbH ([1993] 3 CMLR 773) where the court held that the German national law of copyright fell within the scope of the application of article 7(1) of the EC Treaty which prohibited discrimination no the ground of

Mr Green also relied on R v Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ex parte Hamble Fisheries (1995) 2 All ER 714) for the proposition that where a national measure operated in a Community context, the measure's legality was subject to the fundamental principles of Com-munity law; and that the test for the application of article 7(1) was the same as that for the general principles of Community law expounded by the European Court. He further submitted that the present case was in any event governed by article 40(3) of the EC

Treaty which provided: "The common organisation lof agricultural markets! ... shall exclude any discrimination between producers or consumers within the Community."

Mr Parker submitted that the general principles of Community law applied only where the de-

taken or done in the exercise of a power, or the fulfilment of a duty imposed by Community law; a narrower test than the test for the application of the Treaty pro-visions themselves: see Cases 201 and 202/85 Klensch v Secretaire d'Etat a l'Agriculture at la Viti-culture (1986) ECR 3477).

In Case C-2/92 R v MAFF, Rx parte Bostock (The Times May 11, 1994; [1994] ECR 1-955), his Lord-ship did not understand the court to imply any proposition of prin-ciple wider than that the protection of fundamental Community rights bound member states when they implemented Community law.

If the fundamental principles of Community law enjoyed as wide a scope as did the article 7 pro-hibition against discrimination on the ground of nationality, they ought to apply to the scheme. Did mental principles have a narrower reach?

Those fundamental principles, including proprionality and legiti-mate expectation, were not pro-vided for on the face of the EC Treaty. They had been developed by the European Court out of the administrative law of the member states and were part of the common law of the Community.

It was by no means self-evident that their contextual scope had to he the same as that of the Treaty provisions relating to discrimination or equal treatment, which were statute law taking effect eccording to their express terms. There was a critical distinction to be drawn between the following

On the one hand a member state might take a purely domestic measure solely by virtue of its

its supremacy ran only within its virtue of Community Treaty proappointed limits. visions. Even so, it might affect the operation of the common market and accordingly be held to be "within the scope of application of the Treaty" as in Phil Collins.

thing as its being done under powers or duties conferred or imposed by Community law. On the other hand a Community institution or member state might

That was by no means the same

take measures which in authorised or obliged to take by force of the faw of the Community. The second situation primarily included measures which Community law required, such as, for example, law made to give effect to a Directive, or an act done or decision taken by a member state

rmission granted by Com-In the first situation, the measure was in no sense a functing of the law of Europe, although its legality might be constrained by it. In the second, the measure was necessarily a creature of the law of

in reliance on a derogation or

Treaty law was in the shape of a command and might intrude toto areas previously free of any legal controls, because of the sovereign force of the legislation.

But it was to be sharply distinguished from law made by a court of limited jorisdiction, such as the European Court. The legitimacy of that law depended upon its being elaborated by the court within the confines of the power with which it was already endowed. Its writ could not run where it could not

The European Court had no inherent jurisdiction. Its authority derived solely from the Treaties domestic law which was neither and although its decisions were as required of it nor permitted to it by a matter of English law supreme.

The power of the European Court to apply principles of public law which it had itself evolved could not be deployed in a case where the measure in question, taken by a member state, was not a function of Community law at all To do so would be to condition or moderate the internal law of the member state without being authorised by the Treaty.

Where action was taken, albeit under domestic law, which fell within the scope of the Treaty's application, then of course the court had the power and the duty to require that the Treaty be adhered to; but no more.

Precisely because the fundamental principles elaborated by the European Court were not vouchsafed by the Treaty, there was no legal space for their application to any measure or decision taken otherwise than in pursuance of Treaty rights and

It followed that in the first ation described there was no uestion of the application of the Community's internal fun-damental principles.

The position was altogether different where a measure was adopted pursuant to Community law; that was the second situation. Then the internal law of the European Court applied. Decisions of the member states were ternal law when and to the extent that they were taken so as to implement Community law, or essarily had to rely on it.

If the doctrine of equal treatment was to be imported into the present case, Mr Green had to sa Lordship that the scheme constituted a measure taken pursuant implementing a Community pro-vision, or because in promulgating it the Government would have been in breach of Community law but for a permission or derogation granted by the Community legislation. He had to show that it fell within the second situation.

The scheme was of course occa-

sioned by the Commission de-cision and its details made reference to aspects of Community law. But that did not take it out of the first situation into the second. Nor did the fact that it was administered by the 1BAP.

The scheme was neither required by Community law, nor did the Government have to rely upon any Community permission in order to implement it. Nor did it fall within article 40(3) of the EC Treaty. It was no part of "the common organisation" of agricultural markets.

It followed that Mr Green could not rely on the general principle of equal treatment, whether through the medium of article 40(3) or otherwise.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Treasury

# Whether building work is EC principles do not apply to domestic law

Regina v Ministry of Agricul-ture Fisheries and Food and Another, Ex parte First City Trading and Others Before Mr Justice Laws

The fundamental principles of

weight to the word "existing".

Mr Cordara was correct in

note (IA)(b) to existing building

supported the conclusion that what had still to be there after the

conversion, alteration or enlarge-ment was something that as a

matter of common sense had to be

described as the existing building.

should be able to say whether or

not the old building had been

altered. That was a jury question and was very much a question of

fact, degree and impression.

Lord Justice Aldous agreed.

LORD JUSTICE WARD.

tribunal ask the question

dissenting, said that nowhere did

which was the prerequisite for treating the supplies as zero-rated: Was the case truly one of the construction of any building?

The answer was in Customs and Excise Commissioners v Viva Gas

Appliances Ltd (1983) STC 819, 823), where Lord Diplock had said:

the building as a whole and

'demolition' means destroying it as a whole, so 'alteration' is left to

the building which fall short of

complete erection or complete

If fact and degree determined

"construction" why then should it not also determine "demolition"?

building industry.
When the home owner wished to

have a grand large drawing room in place of his small front room

and his back parlour, was that a

work of conversion of the existing

building?

To his Lordship's mind, the

meaning of Schedule 5 was clear

and simple. If there was a construction of a whole building

where no building was in existence

when the work started, or if the

demolition was of the entire build-

ing, then the supply was almost

inevitably standard-rated because,

unless it was de minimis, the work

would inevitably fall within the

description of conversion.

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European Community law as formulated by the European Court of Justice, such as equal treatment and non-discrimination, had no application to an action or a ision taken by a member state under domestic law onless and to the extent that the decision was taken in order to implement pow ers or duties conferred or imposed by Commutaty law.

beef stocks transfer scheme which gave effect to the Slaughtering industry (Emergency Aid) Scheme 1996 and which, although de-signed to provide financial aid in response to the European Commission's decision 96/239/EC of March 27, 1996 (OJ 1996 L78/47) prohibiting the export of heel slaughtered in the United Kingdom, was not devised in order to

Queen's Bench Division, so held. in a reserved judgment given in Leeds, dismissing an application for judicial review by frozen meat exporters, First City Trading Ltd, Meat Marketing Services (UK) Ltd. Meatal Supplies (Wholesale Meats) Ltd. Carrex August Ltd. Foods International, against the Ministry of Agriculture, Fis and Food (MAFF) and the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce (IBAP), in respect of the beef stocks transfer scheme, which provided financial aid to meat

damental principle of Comm law, namely, the principle of equal treatment or non-discrimination.

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VAT zero-rating for charity The society was a charity reg-istered for VAT as part of a group Commissioners of Customs

and Excise v Royal Society of Arts, Manufacture and

Before Mr Justice Scott Baker Ludgment November 29 Goods or services supplied to a

charity to produce a poster promoting the aims of the charity were zero-rated for value-added tax only if supplied in connection with the publication of the advertisement and not just in ection with its preparation.

Mr Justice Scott Baker so stated in a reserved judgment in the Oucen's Bench Division when allowing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise against a decision of the VAT tribunal of March II, 1996 to allow an appeal by the Royal Society of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce against an assessment that tax was payable at the standard rate on certain posters.

Part of the group dealt with the production and distribution of the relevant posters. Another company in the group did the printing. The design was done outside the group and the posters finished off outside the group,

Mr Kenneth Parker, QC for the commissioners; Mr Andrew Hitchmough for the RSA. MR JUSTICE SCOTT BAKER

said that the decision would affect other charities and the revenue implications were considerable. The appeal turned on the true construction of item 8 of group 15 of Schedule 8 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994. Group 15 conferred zero-rating

on certain supplies to charities. Item 8 was in the following terms: The supply to a charity, for the purposes of raising money for .... the charity of (b) the publication of

paper . . . poster or similar publication; or (c) any goods or services to connection with the preparation of an advertisement within (b) The issue on appeal was the

meaning of (c). On assessing the legislative history of the provision his Lordship was satisfied that the purpose of item 8 was to assist arities to acquire the services of publication of advertisements from a third-party supplier. It was not to help promote in-house Item 8(c) zero-rated goods or

services supplied in connection with the publication of an advertisement qualifying under (b) and not just with its preparation. The poster in the present case did not fall within item 8(c) and accordingly did attract VAT at the standard rate.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; Band Hatton, Coventry.

# Scots Law Report December 20 1996 Court of Session

## Over-implementation of EC scheme allowed ship's view, article 1.3. plainly

Secretary of State for Scotland

Before Lord Coulsfield

**Judgment October 14** 

Although the EC Commission regulation laying down a scheme for the slaughter of British cattle more than 30 months old because of the BSE disease required merely that when such animals were being slaughtered oo cattle intended for human or animal mption should be present to the slaughterhouse, it could not be id at the interim remedies stage that it was plainly ultra vires of the Crown to go further and exclude from the scheme all slaughterhouses which undertook any slaughtering of animals for hu-

man or animal consumption. Lord Coulsfield, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, refusing a motion by Scottish Premier Meat Ltd for terim orders to a petition brought by the company for ju-dicial review of a decision of the secretary of state in respect of the

Article 1.2 of EC Commission Regulation No 716/96 of April 19, 1996 (OJ 1996 L99/14) provided that certain cattle aged more than 30 months "shall be killed in designated specially

aughterhouses". Article 1.3 provides, inter alia: The slaughterhouses referred to in paragraph 2 shall be ed and operated in such a way as to ensure that:

"No bovine animals, the product from the slaughter of which is intended for human or animal

Scottish Premier Meat Ltd v consumption, is present in the ing the policy and the letter of the Secretary of State for slaughterhouse when animals are regulation, the member state had being slaughtered under this

"Where it is necessary for bovine animals to be slaughtered under the scheme to be held in lairage, they shall be kept separate from bovine animals which it is in-tended to slaughter for human or

Where it is necessary for products derived from animals slaughtered under this scheme to be stored, such storage shall be separate from any storage facility used for meat or other products destined for human or animal consumption."

Mr Matthew Clarke, QC and Mr Stuart Nicoll for the petitioner; Mr Philip Brodie, QC and Mr Eric Brown for the secretary of state.

LORD COULSFIELD said that the secretary of state had made a slaughter of cattle over 30 months of age with a view to meeting concerns arising from BSE.

The petitioners owned slaughterhouses for the slaughter of cattle and sheep. They had been made subject of a requirement imposed by the secretary of state that slaughterhouses which were to participate in the slaughter of cattle under the scheme should not also undertake the slaughter of anunals for human consumption.

The petitioners submitted that where a regulation bore, expressly or impliedly, to confer benefits on classes of persons, and a member carry out technical and admin-istrative functions in implement-

The pursuers had replied that

Costain

power or discretion to restrict the class of persons embraced by the regulation, whether or not there might be any good reason for such restriction: see R v Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Exparte National Formers' Union ([1995] 3 CMLR [16]; Case 148/78 Publico Ministerio v Ratti ([1979] ECR 16291.

In the present case, the objective of the regulation, namely, the stabilising of the beef market, embraced the interest of all those producers or as providers of

The regulation had specifically defined the class of abattoirs entitled to be considered for inclusion in the scheme and had laid down in precise terms the conditions with which they had to comply. The effect of what was now being done was to exclude the petitioners from participation in the scheme unless they undertook not to slaughter animals for human consumption.

of, or addition to the precise and definite requirements of article 1.3. The Government had only a policing role in relation to the application of the regulation and had no competence to amend it. His Lordship considered that the objective of the regulation was to achieve the stabilisation of the beef market in the UK by taking the steps perceived to be necessary to meet public concern about the safety of beef and beef products.

That appeared very clearly from the preamble and, in his Lord-

That amounted to amendment

to the usual tests of rationality and proportionality, the taking of all steps seen to be necessary to achieve total separation between scheme animals and their products and animals for hu consumption and their products. The objective of article 1.3 was to require steps to be taken to ensure that there was separation between scheme animals and animals or

carried that forward into the regulation itself. It followed that

the regulation authorised, subject

products destined for human There was nothing in the regulation to indicate that it had been intended to confer any right on the was true that in a broad sense the operators of slaughterhouses fell within the community dependent upon the market for meat and meat products, and that it was emphatically within their interests

that the crisis should be solved. There was, however, nothing to requirement to be achieved by article 1.3 was to be construed as conferring any rights on any slaughterhouses or class of daughterhouse.

Article 1.3 set out the objective that was to be achieved but it was not concerned, at all, to define the achieved. In those circumstances, his Lordship rejected the petition-er's argument that it was plain that the respondent had acted ultra

Law agents: Pauli & Williamsons: Solicitor to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

### Agreement to appoint arbiter Group; Mr Gordon Reid, QC, for

Dew Group Ltd v Costain **Building and Civil Engineer**ing Ltd Before Lord Weir

**Judgment November 8** 

Where a contractor and subcontractor had agreed to approach a named person to act as arbiter but the subcontractor had subsequently suggested finding an alternative arbiter because the named person was very busy, the parties had nevertheless "agreed an arbitrator" for the purposes of clause 18(3) of the 1.C.E. Conditions of Contract, and the contractor could not prevent the arbitration from proceeding by relying on the provisions in clause 18(3) concerning litigation under the main

Loud Weir, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, granting decree in favour of Dew Group Ltd in an action brought by them against Costain Building and Civil Engineering Ltd seeking declarator that the relying on clause 18(3) of the I.C.E. Conditions of Contract to abrogate an arbitration under clause [RII]

LORD WEIR said that the arbitration.

pursuers, who were the subcontractors, had given the contractors notice referring a dispute to arbitration and had proposed one of two named individuals as arbiter. The contractors, who were the defenders, had rejected the suggested names and proposed two different individuals.

The pursuers contended for a they had no objection to one of strict approach to the construction those two persons provided that he was willing and able to act. They had undertaken to write to him to determine his availability and terms of appointment.

The individual in question had replied that he was willing to act but could not hear the case for a year. The pursuers had passed that information on to the defenders and added that in the circumstances they suggested the parties agree to approach the other person

The defenders had replied advising that court proceedings had been raised by them against the

proposed by the defenders.

employers concerned the sub-contract works they were invoking clause 18(3) to abrogate the

Clause 18(3) provided that the contractors might indeed do so provided that they gave notice before an arbitrator has been agreed or appointed". The question therefore was whether the parties had agreed to subject themselves to arbitration in terms of clause 18(1).

of clause 18(3) but in his Lordship's view it was unnecessary to adopt any special canon of construction. The defenders argued that in the circumstances for the provision for arbitration under clause 15(1) to be

operative it was necessary for there to have been an agreement as to the identity of the proposed arbiter. All that had been done was to identify a possible arbiter and on his drawing attention to his other commitments an attempt had been

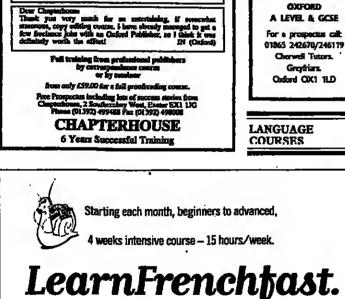
made to consider the alternative persons proposed by lite Looking at the correspondence a whole there had been no.

the dispute should be referred II was a narrow point but his Lordship had come to the view that the pursuers' argument was to be preferred. No significance was to be attached to the pursuers' qualification that the defenders' nominee should be able and willing to act, for that was something that would inevitably have had to be implied even if it had not been stated at that stage.

It mattered not that the nominee agreed at that sige by the parties proved to be unavailable for one reason or another or that there might be other details to be settled

or qualifications to be made. What mattered as between the parties was that they had agreed upon a person who might be approached to act. Once that had trappened the agreement was birding and the parties thereafter moved inexorably down the path towards arbitration.

His Lordship was fortified in that view because he detected that a similar approach had been adopted by Lord Cullen in Haden and Son Ltd (1994 SLT ZZI)



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have spent much of the past year judging their from 5\* departments with a majority of work therefore, not listed. Universities and colleges colleagues work. The membership was drawn reaching levels of international excellence to those could enter as many or as few staff as they chose to with a rating of 1, which were found to have virtually no research of national significance.

have assessed, but the proportion entered will have implications for future funding levels. The assessments, the first for four years, graded The listing below covers only those in the top research teams on a seven-point scale. This ranged two categories. Departments that did badly are, marked A, 80-94 per cent B, 60-79 per cent C, 40-59

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since October one of my friends what another university has been a wreck. He rings me every week to d situation. He is a distinguished and scholar, who, two years ago, was appo well-deserved personal chair. However, of the Research Assessment Exercise, he his department may be closed down.

His colleagues publish very little department received a 2 rating last time. was convinced that despite his own pr the same would happen again. "Look," our vice-chancellor has just announce intends to do away with any department less than a 3b; that means 111 be out of a an idiot to give up tenure just to get a cha realise I'll only get a week's salary for a I've worked here if I'm made redundant on earth in the present climate am I go another job? I'll end up being a taxi-dri

My friend's perilous situation is a case, but academics around the country worried by the RAE process. Last overheard a group of lecturers in my over commonroom discuss the situation. departments are to be rated in absol against a set of specific criteria, one of optimistic participants was convinced ratings would be generally higher and would be safe. "It's inevitable," he insis departments are trying to improve, ratings will go up, in the same way that ( A-level results have steadily got better. We awarded a higher grade than we had la Another academic, however, offers

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**DRUGS IN SPORT** 

# De Merode demands reduction in bans

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Olympic Games' leading drugs official yesterday condemned the strict sanctions against cheating competitors as "excessive" and recommended a two-year ban.

The controversial views of Prince Alexandre de Merode were immediately condemned by the British Athletics Federarion (BAF), which last year persuaded other countries to keep to a four-year suspension for a serious doping offence.

The prince, the long-serving president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, said: The level of sanctions is, in my opinion, excessive. In some respects, it is completely obsolete and, if we really want to be realistic today, it is necessary to reform sanctions.

"Strict sanctions were appropriate when we were dealing with top amateurs, but since sport has become a profession, we are faced with a major social problem. These sanctions have deep repercus-sions on people and their standard of living."

The prince was being interviewed in the Olympic Magazine, which is published every three years by the IOC. He recommended varying grada-tions of sanctions. "Perhaps suspension [for a short time] that allows the person, in spite of everything, to practise his or her profession but with less intensity. By this, I mean forbidding them from competing in major international

He added that he thought economic sanctions were also necessary because "they are hard to take and accept. Finally, there should be 6



Ward: dismissive



measure that I would call educational, that is a special suspension during, for example, a period of one year. Altogether, the maximum The IOC and the interna-

tional federations that govern world sport are concerned at the growing number of civil court cases. Competitors, such as Katrin Krabbe, the former East German sprint world claimed that a four-year suspension for a drug offence is a restraint of their trade.

However, at the congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in 1995, the length of the ban was settled at four years for a first offence. This was largely due to a passionate and successful speech by Professor Peter Radford, the BAF's executive

Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said yesterday: "We will fight to keep four years all the way. Sport needs a collective will and we have that in athletics. Ask athletes in this country and they will prefer life bans.

"I am amazed at what de Merode says. His suggestion that there is any difference between professional and amateur is quite ludicrous. Money does not come into it." He said that de Merode was out of touch with the thinking at federation level, citing the huge majority for four years when it was voted on in

world governing body on dop-ing offences. Weightlifting has an automatic life ban for a first offence for hormone drugs.



sanction could be two years." champion, have successfully

chairman.

The IAAF is not the strictest



Krabbe: appealed



Davis felt at liberty to admit his shortcomings as a pool player after his match against Daulton in the Mosconi Cup yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

# Davis in at the deep end on the pool table

Mel Webb discovers that one of snooker's finest has some way to go before

he can be acclaimed as a master of another game played on the green baize

Picture it, if you will. We are in a dingy, crowded backstreet room. The air is blue with tobacco smoke. Bad suits and snapbrimmed trilbies are de rigueur. The men in the room share a strange physical deformity - they can only speak from the corner of their mouths. Cash is changing hands with lightning rapidity. It is so sleazy that you can almost taste it.

Or rather, it is the game as it is portrayed by the cinematic arts. This is the world of *The Hustler* and The Colour of Money. It is the sport that sees the blue-collar kid from the boondocks sucked into a sort of shadowy underclass in which the game is played by innocents and profited from by hoods with hard accents and hair that is saturated with bay rum. The man with the money is somebody who looks remarkably like Paul Newman, and in the corner sits an idiot savant who knows nothing but the life story of Minnesota Fats, which he can relate with encyclopaedic

That is one of the two most commonly-held perceptions of the game. The other, as British as can be, is of a harmless saloon-bar game being played by laddish young men with hoods on their sweatshirts and

an aversion to drinking their lager

from a glass. It is not quite a sub-

culture, but it is pretty close. It therefore comes as something of surprise to find that not only is pool perfectly respectable, it is even played by Steve Davis: there have been few more squeaky-clean Brit-ish sportspeople in the past 20 years. If it earns Davis's imprimatur, then it should be all right with the rest of

us, and no arguing at the back.

Davis was at the large and impressive Goresbrook Leisure Centre, near Dagenham, yesterday for the first day of a four-day extravaganza of nine-ball pool that is being contested by a European team and, it goes without saying,

Chrife Brig4 Chrife Og7 B48 Crif7 Og7 Chrife Ce3+ Kg7 Black resigns

Diagram of final position

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one from the United States. The match is being billed as the Ryder Cup of pool, but the only obvious similarity is that it is being cootested by buman beings who play a game against one another. There are symbolic links between many sports; golf and nine-ball pool are not, at first, or even fifteenth, glance,

naturally empathetic. At stake is a trophy called the Mosconi Cup, which sounds as if it has been named after a branch of the Russian mafia or an exotic Italian dessert that contains something vaguely cheesy, but is in fact in memory of a great American pool player. What a shame; one imagines that it would be not less than interesting to meet a member of the Russian mafia.

Davis was in the team that upset the Americans last year by beating them at a sport that is played by 47 million people on the other side of

the Atlantic. He did take one rack (English translation: frame) when he sank the nine-ball with a breakoff shot which travelled at 9.4mph. which is like a Formula One grand prix being won by a Nissan Micra, but went on to lose to Shannon "The Cannon" Daulton in a match decided by a sudden-death play-off.

nd there, quite aside from the result, is a small problem with this match. Everybody has to have a nickname, and if a player does not have one it is not long before he does. Thus it was that the man beaten by Daulton yesterday afternoon was not S. Davis, sixtimes world snooker champion, but Steve "The Nugget" Davis, parttime shooter of nine ball pool.

Jimmy White's late withdrawal from the match yesterday morning due to a family bereavement meant that Ronnie O'Sullivan was drafted

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into a European side that also contains a Frenchman, two Germans and a Finn.

O'Sullivan is known in snooker as "The Rocket". Fair enough, that qualifies. Except that there are two other Rockets in the teams, Roger Griffis, of the United States, and Andy Richardson, of England. They were still locked in negotiation yesterday afternoon; the only communique that was issued was that this match would henceforth contain not only a Rocket, but also a Torpedo and a Missile.

"The more I play this game, the more I realise that I don't reali know what I'm doing," Davis said as he reflected on his defeat. "This is in at the deep end for a snooker player. When you walk to the snooker table, you instinctively know what shots to play; sometimes at pool, I have no idea."

what typical modesty from a master of his game. Steve Davis as hustler? Hardly. He has a lot to learn. Like teaching himself to talk out of the side of his mouth.



BY ROBERT SHEEHAN. BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The final type of signal that I want to discuss in this refresher series is the "McKenney", or suit-preference, signal. Far and away the most important use is when you are giving your partner a ruff. If you want him to return the higherranking of the other two suits (trumps in general being excluded), you return a high card; if you want him to return a lower-ranking suit, you return a low card.

An example. South opens 1 NT (12-14) and, after Stayman, becomes declarer in Four Spades. Your parmer leads the two of clubs and, as East, this is what you see:



You know that the lead is 6 singleton (declarer must have at least two clubs for his I NT opening and, if your partner had a doubleton, he would lead the higher one). So, you take the ace and return the four of clubs, requesting a shift to diamonds. That way, you will get in and give your partner his second ruff before declarer can draw trumps. Had you had the ace of hearts

instead of the ace of diamonds. you would have returned the nine of clubs when giving your Modify the hand to:

> ♣K Q 10 83 W E

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no quick entry, but you still return the nine of clubs. You can see that this will set up a second-round entry for you and, more important, it prevents your partner from making a perhaps disastrous switch into the declarer's diamond tenace.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport

KEENE ön CHESS By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov appeared to have

been singled out as the weak link in the elite Las Palmas tour-

nament However, in round seven he fought back to score his first

victory. As in his game with Ivanchuk, Kramnik handled the

King's Indian Defence in unfortu-

King's Indian Defence

g6 Bg7 d6 0-0

nate fashion and was overrun.

White: Veselin Topalov

c4 Nc3

Black: Vladimir Kramnik

Las Palmas, December 1996

Topalov's win

+KQ63 N- - 475

Again, your partner leads the two of clubs. Now, you have

Though you will not go far wrong if you confine suit-preference signals to the ruffing positions discussed today. many tournament players use the signals in other positions. For example, if you hold 962 and play the 2 to show an odd number on the first round of a suit, you can play the 9 or the 6 on the second round to send suit-preference messages. 1 will discuss an example of another use, in No-Trump contracts, next week.

and in Weekend on Saturday.

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the Weekend section on Saturday

WORD-WATCHING WHINING MOVE

> By Philip Howard By Raymond Keene

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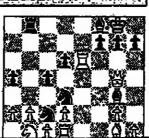
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a. A sailor ant b. Angry c. Turning the back URUCU

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Black to play. This position is from the game llaudy -Leyva, Cuba 1995. Black has just sacrificed his queen to lure the white rook away from the back rank. Can you spot the brilliant conclusion that Black had in mind?



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COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round replays: Southempton 3 Oxford United 2: Stockport 2 West Ham 1 2 West marn | NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisio West Bromwech Albion 5 Norwich City Second division: Willwall 0 Luton 1. BELL'6 SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premie division: Postponed: Duniermine v Celtic. First division: Airdrie 0 St Johnstone 1. VALDHALL, CONFERENCE Spaiding Cup: Outarter-final: Morecambe 3 Statybridge 3 (set) WORLD CUP: Buropean Group stic Malta 0 Spen 3.

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AVON RISURANCE COMBRINATION: First division: Bournerrouth 2 Cusens Park Rangers 5: Brighton 2 Portsmouth 2; Bristol. Rovers 0 Tottenham 2; Norwich 1 Chelses 2 Swenses 1 Charlton 2.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Leads 3 Manchester United 3: Tranmers 4 Notim Forest 2 First division: Blackpool 0 Coverny 0; Middlesbrough 4 Port Vals 1; Sunderland 1 Presson 1. Postponed: Aston Ville v Shelfield United Second division: Winstam 0 Rottenham 1; York 2 Strewesbury 1. League Cup: Group two: Barnsley 2 Scarbocough 0.

MINERNA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE:

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers Premier Cup Quarter-finet: First leg: London Colney 3 Arlesey 2; Brache Sparta 0 Toddington 1. UNISOND LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Third round: Knowsley 2 Great Harwood 2. Unifile, first division cup: Second round: Fansley Celtic 1 Stocksbridge PS 2.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Mile Oak 1 Wick 3. JEW2ON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier division; Sudbury 2

Woodbridge 1.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di-vision: Totton 0 Lymington 5.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: Hell Road Rangers 1 Pictering 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round replay: Cueers Park Rangers 1 Bristol Roves 0.
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**ETON FIVES** ETON: Kinnaird Cup: Quarter-finate: E Wass and J Helstead bt J Frederick and M de Souza-Grao 12-6, 12-2, 12-5; R Mason and J Mole bt P Markianen and K Rudman 14-11, 12-10, 12-8; R Tyler and P Markati bt R Norma and J Fleming 12-10, 15-13, 3-12, 12-6, J Raynolds and H Wiseman bt R

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE LATEST POSITIONS Second leg-Rio de Janeiro to Wellington 6,600 miles

**RUGBY UNION** COURAGE CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol 12 Leicester 38. TIPP-EX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP-Cambridgeshire 22 Sulfolk 42 (at Shelford); Essex 15 Noriolk 29 (at Thurnock). SWIMMING SWIMMING

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First division

RUGBY LEAGUE OTHER SPORT

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# New owners bridge class divide

RACING CORRESPONDENT

RACEHORSE ownership is no longer just a rich man's hobby. The Sport of Kings is fast becoming the sport of working people, attracted by the excitement and fun of the Turf.

The socio-económic profile of people with horses in training has shifted towards John Major's vision of a classless society with more blue-collar workers involved, according to a survey conducted for the British Horseracing Board (BHB) and Weatherbys.

During the past two years alone, the proportion of racehorses owned by social classes

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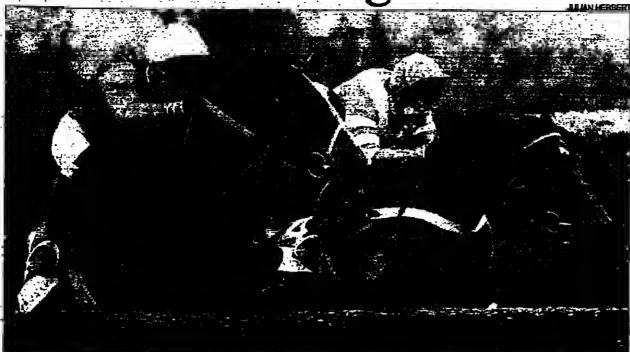
Nap: HAY DANCE (3.50 Hereford) Next best: Mighty Moss (3.40 Uttoxeter)

Cl. C2, D and E - ranging from typists and shop assistants to bar staff and dustmen - has increased from 29 per cent to 37 per cent, while professional people have cut back their equine interests.

Women also find it increasingly attractive to see their colours carried on the Turf. In 1996, 30 per cent of new owners were women whereas in 1978 there was only 18.5 per

The vast majority of owners pay for racehorses from earned income. If you go back 20 years that is something you were seeing less of," Lee-Richardson, the BHB's mar-

keting director, said. "Owners in the vast major-



SOUND MAN (left) is unlikely to run in the Pertemps King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day despite being among the 11 acceptors announced yesterday (Our Irish Racing

Correspondent writes).
Edward O'Grady, his trainer, said: "Sound Man is an unlikely runner. He is in great form, but will go for the Comet Chase at Ascot on February 5. Again, 16-1 bar.

and probably won't run again before then." Jenny Pitman has left in Nahthen Lad despite his poor effort over hurdles at Bangor on Wednesday. One Man is 13-8 on with William Hill to repeat last year's victory for Gordon Richards. Other prices: 4-1 Rough Quest, 10-1 Barton Bank, 12-1

Mr Mulligan, Strong Promise, Trying

The acceptors are: Algan (trained by F Doumen, France), Barton Bank (D Nicholson), Couldn't Be Better (C Brooks), Mr Mulligan (N Chance), Nahthen Lad (Mrs J. Pitman), Oatis Regrets (Miss H Knight). One Man (G Richards), Rough Quest (T Casey), Sound Man (E O'Grady, Ireland), Strong Promise (G Hubbard), Trying Again (D Gandolfo).

ity: of cases are working clubs and company social people. They earn income and clubs to tap the potential this is one way they choose to spend that income," he added. A typical example of the new breed of owner involves a group of Metropolitan Police officers who formed the Silver owners.

and Blue Racing Club so they could afford a horse. The trend has prompted the

clubs to tap the potential source of new owners. Trainers will also be encouraged to visit local golf clubs because golf remains the most popular leisure pursuit of racehorse

While low levels of prizemoney in Britain remain a primary concern of owners; BHB to target working men's the survey reveals that the

1.45 LE REVE HANDICAP (£2,801: 61) (14)

2.15 ATROPOS HANDICAP

prospect of excitement and fun - rather than financial reward - is the lure for most

people. Among established owners surveyed, 86 per cent offered excitement and fun as the main reason for continuing to have a horse — compared to 68 per cent two years' ago when the first BHB-Weatherbys sur-vey was conducted. Prize-

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GOING: GODD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

12.50 THYME MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div I £2,192: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

FEREFORD

12.50 Supreme Charm. 1.20 Daunt, 1.50 Urban Lily, 2.20 Ashmead Rambler, 2.50 Fleet Cadet, 3.20 Brogeen Lady, 3.50 Hay Dance.

money will always be an iniportant fact, but this survey highlights it is just one of the factors," Richardson added. A longstanding interest in

horse in training - plus the dream of owning a champion like Desert Orchid or Dancing

horses and racing were other

reasons given for having a

The insight into owners'

THUNDERER

views, behaviour and future plans is timely after several weeks when the financial ills of racing have dominated the

Dr Paull Khan, racing director of Weatherbys, commented: This survey offers no evidence in support of the view that we are in or on the verge of crisis. Twenty years after dire warnings about the size of the ownership population. there are 20 per cent more horses in training and 30 per cent more owners." he said.

As widely forecast, the Jockey Club yesterday announced much-needed changes to the whip rule which should prevern jockeys being banned after thrilling finishes, such as those in last season's 2,000 Guineas and St Leger.

The main change will see the welcome removal of the "trigger mechanism" which required stewards to consider holding an inquiry after a jockey hit a horse more than five times.

Christopher Hall, chairman of the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee, said the trigger mechanism had caused difficulcies and its abolition would give stewards greater discre-

He added: "Although the revised instruction represents a relaxation right at the botiom end of the scale, stewards have been asked to deal more strictly with serious breaches. Suspensions for excessive force will normally begin at a minimum of four days and, if they consider that a horse has been injured, the case is likely to be referred to Portman

Square. Vets will also be asked to examine all placed horses and a random selection of other runners after each race.

HEXHAM

12.30 Cattara, 1.00 Swanbister, 1.30 Sireric, 2.00 Kerno Sabo, 2.30 Yacht Club, 3.00 Westwell Boy, 3.30 First Light.

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3-1 Westeroll Boy, 5-2 Soud By The Bover, 6-1 Pats Ministral, Jensee, 8-1 others

3.30 LEVY BOARD INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,406: 2m) (19)

3.00 SANTA CLAUS HANDICAP CHASE

1.30 ROAST TURKEY NOVICES CHASE

2.00 ST NICHOLAS HANDICAP HURDLE

2.30 CHRISTMAS BARGAIN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,725; 2m 4l 110yd) (10)

(£3,070: 3m 1f) (8)

(£2,259: 2m) (8)

12.30 MINCE PIE NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,700; 2m) (13 runners)

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1.10 Moving Out 1.40 Take The Buckskin 2.40 Native Mission 3.10 Bossymoss 3.40 Mighty Moss 2.10 How Could-I

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 AGISTMENT. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 OCEAN LEADER (nap).

### GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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1.10 STREBEL BOILERS & RADIATORS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,550: 2m) (8 runners) | 0-00124- MOVING OUT 427 (D.F.B.S.1 1:ths S Bazater) Miss H Kingta 8-11-10 Mr A Windle (7) 90 07100-0 MASTER TRIBE 21 (D.G.S.1 Lebet An Mr. J. Parran 6-11-9 Wilderson 88 3 5239-52 ALBERNOS 10 (D.F.B.) (Miss J. Cres.) Life, J. Cecul 7-11-8 DOLISTFUL 25 149-45 MR BURGAUCRAT 13 (CD.F.S. Lebet An Mr. J. Parran 6-11-4 (John 144-45 MR BURGAUCRAT 13 (CD.F.S. Lebet An Mr. J. Lebu 7-11-6 R. Lebrason 95 4005-1 MOST FOURAL 10 (D.F.S.) (P. Horpstaro) M Pape 6-11-4 (John 145-145) R. Hughes 95 8500-4 TELANO GOLD 34 (D.G.S.) (P. Perdelly P. Bazdel, F.11-0 R. Durwoody 96 MR Fregueration 96 13222-5 EUROLBAN THE LAD 10 (D.F.G.S.) (Elec E Stockton) 0 Eurobel 9-10-9 8 J. Burchell 98

SETTANG: 11-4 Meet Equal 100-30 Saint Cast. 4-1 Tegano Good 13-2 Montag Out. 7-1 Mr Bussauctar 17-1 Eurobok The Lad. 14-1 pitte: 1995: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

### FORM FOCUS

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### 1.40 LEFLEY'S HOG ROAST NOVICES CHASE £3,826: 2m 4f) (7 nunners)

BETTING, 5-2 Oban, 1-2 Take The Bookston, 5-1 Suncet And Vine, 6-1 Thursday Alight Zastoon 7-1 Signrate

### FORM FOCUS

OBAN beal Headwird short-lead in 7-moner area-tears newces hurtle at Existe (2m 3t, good to solt). THURSDAY MIBHT beal Potter's Boy MALDR LOOK beal Fiftyswenchannels 51 m 0-numer nowices hurtler civice at University (2m 5t, good to farm). SUNSET AND VINE: 111 2nd of 5 to Greenback in nowock chase at Februsone (2m out.). Eacher in hundrag hurtle at Window (2m 4t, good to farm). SUNSET AND VINE: 111 2nd of 5 to Greenback in nowock chase at Februsone (2m out.). Greenback in novice chase at Folivisione (2011, good) | Good)

# 2.10 BURTON ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB JUVENILE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O; \$2,026; 2m) (16 numbers)

BETTING: 5-2 Stomecuter, 1-2 Spiral Piyer 5-1 How Could-1 1-1 Flash in The Pixe, 0-1 Arch Angel, Lebedinska 14-1 others FORM FOCUS

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2.40 ST MODWEN CHASE

(Limited handicap: £4,449; 2m) (4 runners) 1 3/2061-3 RANDOM ASSAULT 18 (D) (Random Lot) D hickotod 7-11-7 . A Magnare 89 2 6/144P; NATIVE MESSION 605 (D.6.51 66 Shoules) J Fergeraid 0-11-7 . R Dumeodody — 3 44413-1 MESTER 0000 16 (D.6.55) (Mrs. R Hing) J Ming 10-11-3 . M A Fergeraid (B) 4 21-2114 SUPER 1ACTICS 30 (D.6.5) (M Peny) R Alner 8-11-3 . P Henley (3) 89 BETTING: 6-4 Mister Oddy 9-4 Native Mission 5-2 Random Assault 7-1 Super Tactics

FORM FOCUS

NATIVE MISSION 4'41 4th of 12 to Coulton an prade J Mandel Anniere Chase (2m. good to firm)
MISTER ODDY best Thumbs (b) 6i and Supera TACTICS best Meny Panto 1'44 in 5runse handicap chase al Worcester (2m. good to 50t)
Selections, MISTER ODDY

# 3.10 ALAN POVEY SIGNS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (E3,022 3m 2f) (12 numers)

Long handicage: Bossymoss 9-13 Romany Blues, 9-5, Ragged Kingdom 9-3.
BETTING: 5-2 Ocean Leader 3-1 Coverdate Lane. 7-1 Majors Logacy, 8-1 Bossymoss, Griffics Birr. 10-1 George

FORM FOCUS

DCEAN LEADER beat Record Lover 31 in 8-hander newces hundicap chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, good to newces hundicap chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, good to solly with COVERDALE LAD uncerated ridder 2 out, good in a process hundicap chase at Southwell (3m 31, good to farm), GRIFFINIS BAR beat Westwell Boy 34-14 in 10-transer hundicap hundle at Windsor (2m 11, soft) beat at Market Rices (3m 11, good), MAJORS LEGACY 49 4th of 15 to Caridweln in novices handcap hundle at Windsor (2m 4f good).

3.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUNO NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: \$2.537: 2m 4f 110yd) (15 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Mighty Moss, 5-2 Beggars Banquet 9-2 Agestment 7-1 Share Options, 14-1 Auf Even 20-1 Barken Ward, 25-1 others. FORM FOCUS

AGISTMENT best Have Woven 41 in 25-names poice fixed at Microcaste (3m. good) EEGGARS BANDLET best inn Al The Top 3/1 in 19-names rounce hardle at Neuroscite (2m 4t good to soft) MIGHTY MOSS best Giber Isle 6) in 15-names coulde hardle at Chepstow (2m 41 110vd good to 2m) SHARE OPTIONS best Ansaics Whom 3/1 in 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 41 110vd, 2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 16-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 17-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 18-names nowce hardle at Westerby (2m 18-names

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> Our Newmarket Correspondent: 11,45 Menabar. GOING: STANDARD

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DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

(Div I: £1,179: 1m 2f) (14 numers) 

12.15 SARAH CHAPMAN 21ST BIRTHDAY MANDEN STAKES (Div : 2-Y-0: £2,437: 1m) (10)

8-4 Night Scapite, 4-1 Hever Golf Moves, Kingsdown Trix, Zimri, 10-1 others.

12.45 HOTSPUR AMATEUR RIDERS LIMITED

TAKES (£1.390: 711.41) (1/2)

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1.15 WITCH OF ENDOR CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,529: 51) (6) 

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0 3 TROLA 180 8 Seatt 8-9 1 Sprain 9 9-4 Rolley Spinory, 7-2 Soun. 4-1 Feather Bed, 6-1 Copyru. 8-1 Lockless, Tuesdr Mitchell, 10-1 Around Fore Alics. 12-1 others. 3.15 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,037: 7f) (16) HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,037: 7f) (16)

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injured his shoulder when Sister Rosza fell at Bangor on Wednesday. Although X-rays revealed nothing was broken.

# **SPORT**

# Managing to survive on the merry-go-round

Brian Glanville finds what it takes to succeed



Johan Cruyff put it well and wisely the other day. "I've always said that it wasn't out of the ordinary for a manager to come to a club and build a great team," he said. "It's enough to have good players and a little luck. As against

that, to keep the club on top is always a little problematic."

Cruyff should know. Though Barcelona parted company with him this year after a long, torrid, contentious, sporadically successful reign, he remains in enormous demand. He could go back to his beloved Ajax if he wants, at the end of the season, when Louis van Gaal

Franz Beckenbauer, Cruyff's old friend and rival from the great days of Total Football, would like him at Bayern Munich. Spanish and Italian clubs are interested. This, despite the way he was perpetually at loggerheads with Barcelona's president, Josép Lluis Nuñez, and often with such stars as Michael Laudrup and Hristo Stoichkov.

Ajax, when young prodigies such as Marco van Basten worshipped him, his autocratic ways were such that Frank Rijkaard could not wait

to get away.

So the myth and mystery of the manager remain. What should he do, what does he do? Should he crack the whip like Cruyff or Brian Clough? Should he be out on the training field, paying infinite atten-tion to detail, as Roy Hodgson is doing in Milan with Internazionale, whose defence keeps collapsing just the same? "Kind, but with a strong hand,"

mentor who won two World Cups between the wars, used to say. "If I let them make mistakes, I lose my authority. And he was often out oo the training pitch. Clough rarely was. As often as not, he might simply show up in the dressing-room just before a game.

"Have you ever been punched in

the stomach, young man?" he

nament between teams from both continents to raise money

for various football projects in

Africa. It will also launch the

European Year Against Rac-

ism" campaign, which has been organised by Uefa, the

sport's governing body in Europe. Christian Ziege, Jürgen Klinsmann and Andreas

Möller, of Germany, Paolo

Maldini and Alessandro del Piero, of Italy, and Alen Boksic, of Croatia, will also

feature in the Europe line-up.

Mike Newell, the Bir-mingham City forward, has joined West Ham United on a

month's loan, with a view to a

permanent move. Newell, for-merly of Blackburn and

Everton, cost Birmingham

£770,000 when he left Ewood

He scored only one goal in seven Nationwide League first

division games before asking

to go on the transfer list two

months ago, after telling

Trevor Francis, the Birming-

ham manager, that he was

unable to settle in the Mid-

lands. He could make his debut for West Ham against

Chelsea at Stamford Bridge

Bolton Wanderers have

signed John Sheridan, the

experienced Sheffield Wednes-

day midfield player. Bolton

Park in the summer.

Vittoria Pozzo, the great Italian

asked his unlucky young centre forward, Nigel Jemson, now at Oxford United, on one such occasion: then suited the action to the

When he did turn up at the training ground, Peter Shilton — due to celebrate his 1,000th League appearance when he plays for Leyton Orient on Sunday — said that the impact was great. "It was attitude and in the said that the s attitude training." With his remarkable partnership with the late Peter Taylor resem-

bling nothing so much as football's version of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Clough had success with both Derby County and Nottingham Forest, none at all at Leeds United, where the players drove him out after 44 days, nor at Brighton, where he demoralised the team. What works at one place does not necessarily work at others. Thus Joe Kinnear, who has worked wonders at Wimbledon, is probably right to refuse lucrative offers and stay there. A kind of guerrilla general, he is utterly the right man for the job, defending club and team with sometimes excessive

sensitivity.

When he mistakenly thought
Gary Lineker had said Wimbledon were worth watching only on Ceefax, Kinnear, feeling persecuted, embattled and unappreciated, was pushed to ever greater effort on the training field and in the transfer

Blackburn Rovers, now, are to pay Sven Goran Eriksson a fortune to leave Sampdoria for Ewood Park Will it be money well spent? Can Eriksson, for all his huge European experience, do more for

On the day Frank Clark threw in the towel, Blackburn than their modest, unambitious stopgap, the estimable Tony Parkes? And why, with all due respect, does Eriksson want to come to Blackburn at all, a club which could even drop out of the FA Carling Premiership, when the likes of Lazio would evidently be glad to have him back.

I have known and appreciated Eriksson for many years; a man of charm, honesty and competence. Blackburn clearly hope he will emulate Arsene Wenger, who has the same qualities and is doing remarkably well with a far-fromdazzling Arsenal team he took over

with the season well advanced.
Recently, the coruscating Nigerian forward, Viktor Ipkeba, paid tribute to Wenger, and the way he helped him at Monaco — just as George Weah has done.

What one can say, surely, is that every managerial career is finite, the triumphant exception that proves the rule being the remarkable Guy Roux, 30 years at

French championship last season, and endlessly produces fine players. But managerial pressures are immense. If, on the Continent, the manager does not have to be a marketeer, be is often prey to pressures from fans and the media Richard Heer Par of fleet

unknown in Britain.
Bill Shankly quit Liverpool while
he was ahead. Alex Ferguson, ten years at Old Trafford, has, over the past couple of seasons, been prone to strange tactical errors and manifest mistakes in the transfer

"I never knew," Brian Mears, when he was chairman of Chelsea and Dave Sexton was no longer delivering the goods, said, "that managers need motivating 100."

"You don't know what's going on in a club," Jesse Carver, the one English manager to win a postwar Italian championship, said. "No one does." He may have been right. for the myth and the mystery

**FOOTBALL** 

# United disclaim reports of £20m bid for Batistuta

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

MANCHESTER United have denied reports that they have made a world record offer of £20 million for Gabriel Batistuta, the Argentina and Fiorentina forward, Corriere dello Sport, the Italian newspaper, claimed yesterday that Martin Edwards, the United chairman and chief executive, faxed a bid to Fiorentina late last week,

United were also reported to have offered E7 million for Stefan Schwarz, the Sweden and former Arsenal midfield player, who also plays for Fiorentina. Vittorio Cecchi Gori, president of the Italian Cup holders, is said to be considering the approaches. despite having recently persuaded Batistuta, the club captain, to sign a new

However, United issued an immediate and curt response to the stories. "It is absolute rubbish," Ken Ramsden, the Old Trafford press officer, said. It was a similar reaction to that of Robert Coar, the Blackburn Rovers chairman. after his club had been linked. also by Corriere dello Sport. to Rul Costa, the Portugal midfield player, and Lorenzo Amoruso, the Italian defender. They, too, play for

"Rubbish." Coar said, Rovers reportedly having offered Ell million for Rui Costa, who played for Portugal during Euro 96, and £7 million for Amoruso. Apparently, the

Fiorentina.

moves had been authorised by Sven Goran Eriksson, the present coach of Sampdoria who will become Blackburn's manager during the summer.

Batistuta's contract takes him through to 2000, with an option until 2001, while Ruf Costa has signed up until 2001. Though Batistuta's form is short of his best and the team is struggling in midtable in Serie A, he is hugely popular with the supporters. popular with the supporters. Fiorentina have also reached the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners'

Italy bope to play Northern Ireland, Ireland or Wales on January 22 in advance of the World Cup qualifying match with England in February. It will be the only chance Cesare Maldini, the oew Italy manager, has to assess his team before the game at Wembley.

Cup, in which they play Benfica next year, and it is

that supporters would forgive Cecchi Gori if he were to sell the club's prize Alan Shearer, of Newcastle

United, David Seaman, of Arsenal, Steve McManaman, of Liverpool, and Peter Schmeichel and Gary Neville, the Manchester United pair. are to play for a Europe XI against an Africa XI in Lisbon oo January 29. The match will open an under-17 youth tour-

have agreed to pay £180,000 for the Ireland international, with Wednesday receiving a further £25,000 if Bolton win promotion to the FA Carling Sheridan, 32, who started his career at Leeds United, spent a recent loan spell at Burnden Park. He is expected

to play in the first division game away to Swindon Town on Sunday. Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, is to take another look at Vlad Kinder, 26, the Slovakia left back, after he did well in a reserve match. Robson has already contacted Slovan Bratislava, Kinder's club. "I quite liked what I saw," Robson said. "There could be a deal for Vlad if he

continues to impress."



Swimmers in the men's 200 metres freestyle make a splash at the start of the heats

# Hickman set for stiff test

**By Craig Lord** 

ORGANISERS of the British swimming championships might be wise to make sure that they have enough bottle to cope with the ambitions of James Hickman. That way. they might avoid a repeat of the French farce of February this year, when two world records by Denis Pankratov, of Russia, could not be ratified because organisers of the World Cup event had ran out

of drug-lest vessels.
Voted Young Mancunian of the Year last month, Hickman, 20, yesterday set the pace at Pond's Forge pool in Sheffield with a British shortcourse record of 53.30sec in the

100 metres butterfly heats. He intends to add the world shortcourse record over 200 metres tomorrow (presently lmin 53.05sec, against Pankratov's disallowed lmin 52.34sec).

Shame, then, that for the last three of the four days of the championships, there will be по drug-testing. Should Hickman achieve his ambition, test equipment will have to be brought in within 24 hours for the record to count. Hickman's good form, a continuation of the success he enjoyed in making finals at the Olympic Games, is testament

to the job being done by Dave

Calleja, his coach, at Stockport

Metro. His other charge is Graeme Smith, the bronze medal-winner in the 1,500 metres freestyle in Atlanta.

Smith yesterday withdrew from the final of the 1,500 after swimming the heats, on the grounds that he is working to improve his sprint speed, es-sential if he is to stand a chance of a gold medal in Sydney 2000. He will avoid meeting Ian Wilson, winner of the silver medal at the European short-course championships last weekend, and concentrate on the 200 metres

and 400 metres in Sheffield.

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# Vimpani plunders weakened attack

GRAEME VIMPANI, Victoria's young opening batsman, scored his maiden first-class century yesterday as the state side compiled 354 on the opening day of their four-day match against the West Indians at Wangaratta. Poor fielding again hampered the touring side, led 28 Brian Lara, for they dropped three catches and conceded 38 extras. Vimpani hit 17 boundaries in his 133, made from 202 balls. and put Victoria in a strong position at 221 for four before they were pegged back by Nixon McLean, who took five for-48, finishing the innings with successive deliveries.

McLean was the spearhead of the attack in the absence of Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, who were resting in preparation for next week's third Test, in which West Indies must at least avoid defeat to keep the series alive. Jimmy Adams, the slow left-arm bowler, again proved effective, following his five wickets against Pakistan in the World Series Cup on Tuesday by taking three for 52.

# New man for Minardi

MOTOR RACING: Minardi, the Formula One team, have signed Ukyo Katayama, of Japan, to drive for them during the 1997 season. Katayama, 33, had been with Tyrrell, the British team, since 1993. He will join the Italian team oo January 7, Minardi said yesterday. "I think that Minardi will be a big surprise for many in the course of the season," Katayama said

Katayama said.
Minardi said last month that they had begun a "long-term plan" to improve their form, bringing in new investors and signing a deal for exclusive use of Hart V8 engines and another two-year deal with Bridgestone tyres. They also plan to unveil the new Minardi M197 by mid-January, but have yet to name a second driver.

## Women's role for Noah

TENNIS: Yannick Noah, who has won the Davis Cup twice in five years as captain of the French men's side, will lead the women's team in the Fed Cup in Japan in March. "The decisioo will be taken officially at the next management committee meeting on January 3," Jean-Claude Massias, the French federation national director of coaching, said. Françoise Durr will, however, also keep her title as captain. "I hope be can prove as good at leading women as he has proved at leading the men," Julie Halard, a member of the

# Doyle motion wins day

SNOOKER: The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) annual general meeting was yesterday adjourned until the new year after a motion by lan Doyle, a leading critic of the association, that it had been incorrectly convened was carried by 15 votes to nine at the Marriott Hotel in Bristol (Phil Yates writes). He claimed the WPBSA had wrongly nominated the number of directors seeking re-election after the late resignation of John Spencer. Geoff Foulds, chairman, said of the power struggle: "There has been a scandalous campaign against the association."

# England slip up

BASKETBALL England slipped to their seventh defeat in eight group games in the European championship semi-final round when they were beaten 88-67 by Germany in Leipzig on Wednesday night. Already out of contention for a place in the finals oext summer, England connected with 41 per cent of their shots compared to Germany's 56 per cent. Dunkley top-scored for England with 14 points, with Bucknall and Huggins getting 13 apiece, but it was not enough to beat the Germans, for whom Rodl led the scoring with 19 points.

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# Club chairmen agree to league changes

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

second and third divisions of the Nationwide League, fizzled out yes-terday. The Football League's proposals, which include dismantling the six-strong board of directors and replacing it with an independendy chaired nine-man body, were eventu-ally given overwhelming support at an extraordinary general meeting in

London. Representatives of 69 of the 72 Nationwide League clubs voted the moves through, despite fears from many of the smaller clubs that they would be relinquishing too much power to their larger first division counterparts.

Gordon McKeag, 69, the league president and chairman of the present board, who will lose his chairmanship and will also stand down as president at the end of the season, said: "Change is inevitable. In many areas, it is not only desirable but necessary. Additional money in the game brings benefits, but it also brings dangers and problems. What might happen to a sport that has become solely dependent on outside sources if the money dries up?

AN EXPECTED challenge to the restructuring of the Football League, from disenchanted clubs in the that balance is not being maintained. At the same time, we must preserve the essential values. After all, it is a

> David Sheepshanks, the Ipswich Town chairman and a prime mover of the proposals, is believed to have been accepted as one of three first division representatives on the newly-constructed board. He will join Ron Noades, of Crystal Palace, and Ian Stott, of Oldham Athletic. Nominations for the second and third division representatives close on Monday, with the result of the postal ballot due before

> Iain Sproat, the Sports Minister, has urged the FA Premier League and Littlewoods, the pools company. to provide financial assistance for the Football Trust, which is mainly responsible for funding the upgrading of grounds in the wake of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster.

January 9.

Since the introduction of the National Lottery two years ago, the Trust's annual income has slipped from a reported £37 million to £15 million. It is now concerned that it draw at Sheffield Wednesday. will be unable to fund some expend \_\_crcacora\_cue\_comessa des

# future in the **Premiership**

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

VICTORY over West Ham United on Wednesday night may have earned Stockport County a place in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-finals, but David Jones, the Stockport manager, was not about to change his priorities after his Nationwide League second division team had

enjoyed their moment of glory at Edgeley Park.
"It's a great feeling to have won, but I've always said that our immediate priority is to get out of the second division." Jones said after his team had achieved a memorable 2-1 success in their fourth-round replay, aided by a freakish own goal by fain Dowie, the West Ham striker, "We're very ambitious at this club and the next step after that would be the Premiership. That's what we're aiming for."

Southampton earned a quarterfinal trip to Stockport with a 3-2 defeat of Oxford United in Wednesday's other fourth-round replay, despite the absence of Matthew Le Tissier with a thigh injury, while Manchester United did their championship chances little good with a I-I

# Stockport see Dowie set on lightening the load at Harrow

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

ough pass a forlorn, fallen floodlight pylon in the car park that is a fitting symbol of the Icis League club's plight in the lower reaches of the remier division.
We had four 80ft pylons with 12

lamps on each that were erected about 23 years ago," Peter Rogers, the club's football director, said. "One of the directors was walking his dog first thing in the morning and noticed a gap in one corner. We were lucky. The pylon fell when there was nobody about and there weren't any cars in the car park. It could have fallen on the pitch, the clubhouse or gardens on the side of the ground."

Adjusting the other pylons has enabled Harrow to carry on playing, but a structural engineer has now told the club that it must replace all the pylons. Even with insurance from the fallen pylon - a victim of gales and safety grants, the club may face a worrying shortfall.

To get the club out of the shadows on the field, Harrow have turned to Bob Dowie, the brother of Iain, the West Ham United striker. Dowie replaced Harry Manoe, a Harrow stalwart in his playing days, who had

SPECTATORS filing into the We finished eighth last year and he Earlsmead ground of Harrow Borhadn't really changed the side. He hadn't really changed the side. He felt the players weren't responding to him. He runs a big double-glazing firm and was very busy with his work, so he felt it was time to step away. He brought me to the club as coach last year and encouraged me to take the job."

The new manager is not short of things to do either. He combines working at Heathrow as an engineer for General Electric on British Airways' new Boeing 777 with acting as the FA head coach for Hertfordshire.

Dowie lifted the team off the foot of. the table on Saturday with a 1-0 win over Chertsey Town, having brought in lan Rutherford, a striker, from Berkhamsted, and Justin Merritt, a full back, from Brackley, "I don't want anybody to feel comfortable," he said. "If players have a bad game, I want them to know that there are people itching to get their place in the

team." Among the players he wants to make way is a 35-year-old centre half called Dowie. "I'm too close to if," he said. "I've always found it difficult to keep my mouth shut. Now I'm manager, it'll be even harder." With due immodesty, however, he feele it SPORTS IT

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# Rig failure likely to put Tibbs at rear of fleet

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

THE BT Global Challenge fleet suffered its first serious rig failure three-fifths of the way through the Southern Ocean on Wednesday night when Concert, skippered by Chris Tibbs, fell off a wave and lost her mast from about 20ft above the deck.

The failure occurred as the yacht was going to windward in about 30 knots of wind on starboard tack in steep seas and snowstorms. At the time, she was under triple-reefed mainsail and staysail, about 2,000 miles east of her destination of Wellington, in New Zealand, and lying in fourth

place.
According to Andrew Roberts, the race project director, who oversees the technical preparation of the yachts, the mast broke just above the first set of spreaders, which are 20ft above the deck, and then fell over the port side. There was a second break at the middle set of spreaders, 40ft up, and the crew were able to save the middle section after cutting away the top part.

The cause of the failure was a breakage in the intermediate shroud on the starboard side,

Race positions ....

a 12mm stainless steel wire running from the deck up to the middle spreaders. The fracture occurred just where the stay passes through the lower spreaders.

Roberts has been looking at all the possible causes for so catastrophic a failure in new rigging which, on other Challenge boats, has lasted more than 100,000 miles, but, in this case, seems to have reached its -

"We are trying to come up with a reason why it is occurring," he said. "One thing I've picked up is that the yachts have been on the same tack - starboard - for hetween 75 and 90 per cent of the race so far, or close to 10,000 miles." The assumption is that the strain has been unusually acute on one side of the boal and for days on end something that cannot be rep-

licated in sea trials. Roberts is worried about some of the other yachts, two of which have developed signs of failure in their starboard shrouds. Commercial Union has a strand missing on one of her lowers, while Toshiba Wave Warrior has a similar strand failure at the first set of spreaders. These problems come in addition m the deterioration in the forestays on four yachts — Global Teamwork, 3Com, Heath Insured II and Save The Children — the first two of which have had to rerig them.
The events of Wednesday. are an unwelcome reminder

for Roberts and Chay Blyth, the race director, of the last race, when seven yachts experienced problems with a faulty rigging screw in the Southern Ocean and one, British Steel

Just like British Steel before her, Concert is now motoring to the Chatham Islands, 420 miles southeast of Wellington. after having taken extra fuel on board from Motorola. When she gets there, in around two weeks, she will refuel and then head for Wellington, where she will arrive about a week after the rest of the fleet and where a new mast will be fitted after being flown out from

For the crew of Concert, the rig failure is a cruel blow. The boat did exceptionally well in the first leg to finish third and looked to be maintaining that evel of performance on this leg. Tibbs, who was not tipped as a possible winner at the start, was regarded as having a good chance of finishing in the top three overall.

Concert is expected to retire formally from this leg. Her performance, under the rules of this event, will be the same as the last yacht to arrive in Wellington, with another 15 per cent of that yacht's time added on Even after her "fatigue life" after just 10,000 : strong showing on the first leg is taken into account, she is likely to find herself at the rear of the fleet.

Blyth himself was worried by the drama, but not unduly so. He said that the vachts have undergone the best possible preparation and every fault that is found is subsequently rectified: He added that it is partly because of the confidence that the crews have in his boats that they push them so hard - until something else fails. In the wake of the incident

on Concert, there were signs yesterday that several of the skippers have eased off a bule, to make sure that they reach New Zealand in one piece.



Whitaker guides Virtual Village Welham to victory at Olympia yesterday

# Whitaker maintains fine form with sprint finish

By JENNY MACARTHUR

IT WAS a case of blink and you missed him as John Whitaker, of Great Britain, riding Virtual Village Welham, stormed round the Christmas Cracker Accumulator competition at the Olympia showjumping champion-ships yesterday to record his second big win of the show by a margin of 4.52 seconds. The victory, which follows

his success on Grannusch in the Christmas Turkey Stakes on Wednesday night, continues the Yorkshireman's formidable run of success over the last month. In Berlin four weeks ago, he won the World Cup qualifier on Welham. Six days later, on Grannusch, he added the Maastricht Grand Prix to his list of successes.

There's little to choose between them at the moment," Whitaker said of the two 17-year-old geldings after his latest win in which, urged on by his vociferous supporters. he gained the maximum points of 36 in a time of 41.49sec. The Essex-based John Renwick, who is compet-ing at the show for the first time, was the runner-up on Roundstreet Charlie in a comparatively leisurely time of

Whitaker confirmed after-

wards that Welham will be his ride for the World Cup qualifier tomorrow, the centrepiece of the five-day programme. Later, in the Beeton Rumford Stakes, James Fisher found the extra turn of foot needed to win a class at Olympia when he and Renville relegated William Funnell, on Comex, 10 second

"When you're fast on him, you know you're quick," Fisher said of the eight-year-old Renville, "but I hadn't expect-

place by more than two

ed to win by such a big margin." Renville, whom Fisher has had since a fouryear-old, has won 20 international classes this year.

Fisher, who was a member of the winning Nations' Cup teams in Lisbon and Modena this year, is hoping his luck will hold for the World Cup qualifier tomorrow, in which he will ride Bowriver Queen. The 14-year-old Irish mare, who won the Geneva qualifier in 1994 and was eighth at Olympia last year, confirmed her form when finishing

the maul

From Mr A. McIlwraith

Sir, During the recent Univer-

sity rugby match the referee

quite correctly penalised play-ers for "crossing". By doing so, one player was, for however

short a time, preventing an

opponent from tackling the

man with the ball. This app-lied whether the obstruction

Yet, in the same match,

players were permitted to ob-struct their opponents quite deliberately and for long per-

ods and remained unpenal-

ised. I refer, of course, to what

is now known as the maul, which prevents defenders

from tackling the ball-carrier.

heart of the rugby football ethic and should be banned.

and we should return to the

procedure whereby an indi-

vidual supported or otherwise

by his team-males can take the

ball forward in hand but, the

instant his progress is halted, the ball should be put to

There may be those who will

say that this will slow the

game, but I would suggest that they look at film of old games

in which the All Blacks were

involved. They would see them joining a loose scrum already bound onto each other

and hooking ball, and often

the man as well, back to the

scrum half in very short order

indeed. The ball would then

travel very quickly to the backs while many opposing

teams were still floundering. It

is all a matter of coaching and

alistair Meilwraith,

Yours faithfully,

Benmor,

Lochmaddy,

Isle of North Uist.

ground and heeled back

I believe this hits at the

was intentional or not.

fourth in the Turkey Stakes on Wednesday .night after com-pleting a double clear round. With a clutch of in-form partnerships competing, in-cluding last year's winner, Ludger Beerbaum, of

Germany, with Priamos, and Nick Skelton, with Dollar Girl - who were fifth and sixth in the main class on Wednesday night -- Olympia, which traditionally has one of the most demanding courses on the circuit, looks set for a vintage World Cup qualifier. ☐ Silk Cut, the sponsor of the

£135,000 Hickstead Jumping Derby since 1984, has pulled out of showjumping after a "change of management". Edward Bunn, Hickstead's manager, said yesterday thal Silk Cut's contract was until 2000, but that it had made use of an opt-out agreement. We're hoping for some lottery money or a new sponsor to keep the show going," Bunn

☐ Joanna Jackson, a member of Britain's gold medal-win-ning team at the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, was pre-sented with the British Equestrian Writers' Association's trophy for the equestrian personality of the year award vesterday.

**RUGBY UNION** 

# Pay dispute threatens Cardiff's French test

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

CARDIFF may be forced to play their Heineken Cup semifinal against Brive on January 5 without any significant match practice if the referees' strike in Wales cannot be resolved. As matters stand, only 13 games will be played in Wales tomorrow — six postponed Swalec Cup games and seven from divisions seven

and eight of the Welsh League. Cardiff had been looking forward to league games with Swansea tomorrow and Pon-typridd a week later as prepa-ration for the game in Brive. Bun there seems no likelihood of movement over Christmas in the dispute over pay be-tween the Welsh Society of Rugby Union Referees and the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU). "We feel we have made our

ase crystal clear as a union, Richard Jasinski, the WRU secretary, said. "We have of-lered to pay our officials for matches they control in the top two divisions in which the elite professionals play. We simply do not have the funds available to stretch further down the league pyramid.\*

Only 13 referees have declared their availability for duty tomorrow and the match-es they have been awarded equate to their grading and experience, with the six cup games receiving preference. The only good news for the WRU is that another pay dispute — that involving Scon Quinnell, the Richmond backrow forward - appears to have been resolved. Quinnell has been given a £10,000 sponsorship by Reebok, the official WRU sponsors, and will be available for selection

by Wales in the new year. That may also interest the selectors for the British Isles, who will take their largestever playing party to South Africa next summer to contest the 13-match tour. The four home unions have agreed that 35 players should make the trip, five more than normal, echoing arrangements made on recent tours by New Zealand and South Africa.

Fran Cohon, the Lions manager, will hope to field XVs nearly equivalent in strength in Saturday matches and midweek games. "Our plan is to take two full teams plus additional men in key positions hooker, prop, back-five for-ward, scrum half and centre or wing," he said.

Bath have named Phil de Glanville, the England cap-tain, in their XV to play London Irish in the Pilkington Cup tomorrow. De Glanville missed England's game with Argentina last weekend with a thigh injury. Richard Butland comes in for the injured Mike Catt at stand-off half.

Players' safety imperative in

changing times

he court case involving Ben Smoldon, who broke his neck when a rugby scrum collapsed and will be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life, can be seen as a blessing as well as a curse. We feel a deeply rooted compassion for a man whose capacity "for an active and independent life". as Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, said, "had been blighted". Smoldon has been awarded

financial compensation to alleviate the difficulties of his incapacity, but, in passing the ruling, His Lordship recognised that "it was of concern that the judgment would emasculate and enmesh in unwelcome legal toils a game which gave pleasure to millions. There are lessons to be learnt from this decision.

There is an element of risk that each individual understands when he or she uodertakes to participate in a sport. Indeed, each sport, to a greater or lesser degree, operates on the slippery edges of danger. The whizzing ball in tennis can be identified as a threatening missile; the golf course has its hazards; a sailor faces the swelling sea and other elements, as does the angler. It is of oo use for one sport to point a finger at the perils of another. We know

why we choose what we do. In some cases, danger is the element that attracts people to a sport, Collision and speed are integral to rugby and the seductive combination accentuates the danger. Power and strength add to the appeal. The officials who control

the sport understand that, along with administering the laws of the game, they must do so with due care for the participants' safety. Hitherto, it has been the game's authorities that have determined the levels of safety; with the ruling on Tuesday, the courts seem to have taken this responsibility and Lord Bingham is aware of the precedent that he may be setting. He hoped that there would be no trend.

Does not a dilemma arise in rugby football - where there are so many areas of physical confrontatioo and where there is a likelihood of harmful consequences — to determine the level of care? Historically, the laws of rugby football are open to a

variety of interpretations. While the law-makers attempt to explain the manner in which the game should be played, there is, quite often, once the match is under way. a singular lack of clarity as to what precisely is going on. Inevitably, speciators are forced to wonder and to ask where the whistle went. Rarely is it straightforward. Yet the referee, poor soul, is the sole judge of fact

It is, for instance, for the

**GERALD DAVIES** 

Rugby Commentary

referee to determine what constitutes a dangerous tackle. The laws deem a chest-high tackle to be acceptable, where-as a head-high tackle or a tackle "above the line of the shoulders" is not; yet the difference between the two can be minimal. It is the referee who has to make an instant judgment.

In the event of a serious injury or a fatality as the consequence of such a tackle. to what extent does the liability rest with the referee? To what extent should the courts. now that the precedent has been set, be asked to determine whether the referee had exercised bis duty of care?

Certainly, one of the significant pieces of evidence in the recent case on which the Court of Appeal was asked to consider, was the fact that there were 25 collapses of the scrum during the game. This figure was far above the acceptable standard. High tackles may not be repeated as often as this nor committed necessarily by the same play-er, but high tackles, wherever the defining line is drawn, are unquestionably increasing in number. A dangerous accident, as they say, is waiting to happen. Upon whom lies the duty of care then? And who should decide?

his represents an example of the problems that Lile ahead for a sport which was designed to be amateur and is no more. Dependent on goodwill and ourtured on what I still think of as a generosity of spirit, rugby thrived. No more can rugby rely on these qualities. It has been thrust, before its time, into the professional arena, and different attitudes are forced to prevail. A sterner mood is now prevalent.

As well as prompting an increase in their insurance premiums, the result of the court case ought to give the rugby authorities pause for thought. They should consider, in their increasingly confrontational sport, what should be a professional code of practice for players' safety.

# **SPORTS LETTERS**

# Veteran runners deserve more consideration

From Mr Stanley J. Weber Sir. Once again enthusiastic, would-be London Marathon entrants are receiving their yeas or nays from the organ-

applications asks each applicant four questions, which are intended to give what could be called "the most deserving" a better chance of acceptance. However, many veteran club runners feel aggrieved

The method of selecting

over the introduction of certain favourable methods, which can bring the organisers charges of ageism and sexism, and even involve re-spectable charities in an unhealthy form of incentive.

dan lighten Let me explain. One of the criteria used for automatic acceptance of runners aged

a. Men must prove they can complete a marathon in under four hours. h. Women must prove they can complete in under six

Britain's finest

From Mr J. G. T. Dewar

Sir, At this time of annual

reviews and sports personality

enter a plea for the claims of

British squash to a mention in

Britain are currently men's

World team champions, worn-

en's runners-up (in both team and individual events) and

world junior team champions.

There are 14 British men in the

world top 25 and 19 British

women. Contrast these statis-

tics with the wide media

coverage given to tennis, in

which the arrival of two

British players in the top 100

was much trumpeted.

of the year awards, may

Hence, for example, an en-

dispatches.

thusiastic club runner such as myself (78 years old, who completed two marathons, aged 66, in three hours 30 minutes, and who can now complete in five hours 30 minutes) has little chance of acceptance against a "young" 65-year-old woman now taking almost six hours and who would be automatically accepted.

As against all the organ-isers pretence of equality and fairness, it is noticeable that a lady Scottish runner, well over 80 (and congratulations and good tuck to her), is allowed to run annually in the London Marathon and of course she takes well over six hours. We male veterans are in no way envious of her record bul do feel we are being insulted by male ageism adopted by the organisers. Are they using Jenny Allen as an example of their "kindness and tolerance" to the oldies, who otherwise are considered a nuisance to

In the early days the

organiser, Chris Brasher, was vehemently against payments leading to favoured placing in the event. Yet, under the present regime, the rejection notice is accompanied by an invitation to run for one or two charities who have places available to any runner who can guarantee raising £1,000

for their respective causes. This is an unhealthy practice, and in fact dangerous. especially for the more elderly runner who could be more prone to accidents, eg, twisted ankle over a discarded drinking bottle or an unexpected malady, after which persistence in finishing the 26 miles, in order to honour his guaran-tee to the charity, could even endanger his life.

I do plead for the reintroduction of the previous consideration to the proven elderly Yours faithfully.

STAN WEBER (President, The Running Sixties). Flat 7, 1 St Mildreds Gardens, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent.

Lest it should be thought

that squash is a minority or

esoterically British sport, 25

nationalities appeared in the

men's world top 100 in October and 18 among the top 60 women. The numbers playing

the game in Britain also compare well with all other sports. What a pity that, because it is not good tele-

vision", squash does not rate a

mention in most reviews and

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by fax to 0171-782 5211.

ceremonies.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES DEWAR,

82 Bouverie Avenue,

Salisbury, Wiltshire.

## Spur to Zimbabwe

Sir, You report (December 16)

his failure to acknowledge that Zimbabwe had played the better game will do nothing to improve the performance of his own team. On the contrary, his arrogance will only encourage Zimbabwe to play even better and make another defeat more likely. Yours faithfully.

that the captain of the Eng-land cricket team touring Zimbabwe described their third defeat in four one-day international meetings as a "jinx". ft seems obvious m me that

NIGEL HILL, 12 Colebrooke Avenue, W13.

# Time to halt

# **Pakistan** checked by Peters

CRICKET

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND bartled back strongly after the loss of two early wickets to hold the upper hand at the close of the first day of the second under-19 international against Pakistan in Lahore yesterday. An impressive 74 from Stephen Peters and an unbeaten 47 from David Nash guided England m a total of 224 for five on a lively pitch.

Andrew Flintoff's decision to bat initially backfired on the touring team as they struggled 10 reach 29 for two in the first 15 overs. Abdul Razzak worked up a lively pace to dismiss John Graham, of Durham, and David Sales, of Northamptonshire.

Then Flintoff and Peters brought about a recovery before the Lancashire player tried one aggressive stroke too many lo provide Razzak with his third wicket. Peters, of Essex, hit eight fours before he was dismissed and England suffered a further blow when Ben Hollioake was bowled by Razzak, who finished the day with figures of four for 72. ☐ Shaun Young returned career-best figures of seven for 64 as the Pakistan touring team were dismissed for 299 on the opening day of their four-day game against Tas-mania in Hobart.

The Pakistanis, without their regular opening batsman, Aamir Sohail, who needed ten stitches in a head wound sustained when slipping in the dressing-room after the defeat by West Indies on Tuesday, were saved from embarrassment by a quickfire

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## SPORT / RADIO

### **ICE HOCKEY**

# **Britain** hope for brighter future

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHANNON HOPE was prepared to accept yester-day that qualification for the Olympic Games is now unlikely, after the 3-3 draw with Switzerland on Wednesday night, but the Great Britain captain believes that the world championships can provide compensation.

"We are all disappointed that it looks unlikely we'll qualify for the Olympics. but the national team programme has come on a lot over the last few mooths," Hope said. "The players get little reward for playing, but the dedication they have shown proves they want to see the British game drive lorward."

A British team has not reached the Olympics for 50 years, and the Swiss should best Denmark at home tomorrow, thus reaching the tournament in February where five places at the 1988 Games n Nagano, Japan, are on offer. But Britain, who would miss out despite not losing a game, are still confident that they can regain a place among the world's elite.

Hope believes Britain can win their world championship pool B com-petition in Poland in April. I think, as a team, we have shown we are ready now to make it to pool A again," he said. "I expect us to get there."

Britain had a brief flirtation with pool A in 1994. but took some heavy beatings before finishing last. The next year, a lack of preparation and a clash with the end-of-season play-offs nearly saw them drop out of the second tier. The situation has since

improved under Peter Woods, the coach, and Nico Toemen, the technical director, who has arranged a training camp in Austria in April, before travelling on to the championships in Poland. "Our preparation before

has been to tell the players

to get out of the bar at Wembley because you're off to the world championships," Toemen said. "That won't happen again. I don't care how much money it will cost, but we will be having a camp before the championships. We have to have the strongest preparation possible."

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# Memorabilia fails the taste test

LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

had never used Manchester United gift-wrap until this year. But it's all right, actually, I'm not whingeing. The football thing was bound to affect my nearest and dearest in the long run and if they all get Manchester United shot glasses and Manchester United massage sandals for Christmas this year, they should just bear in mind how much worse it could have been. I mean, I did choose the best stuff, honest.

But the best stuff in the Old

Trafford Megastore doesn't look so good when you get it home. It crumbles in the light of day. Damn. If only I could keep hold of simple, objective standards when I'm shopping. Were it on a display stand in Harvey Nichols in Leeds, you see, this little figurine of Ryan Giggs (with "GIGGS" helpful-ly written on it) would be a very tacky and unattractive item. But in the heady context ol the Manchester United Megastore — a riot of hideous red and yellow motifs on golf umbrellas, baby-grows and beany hats — it appeared restrained and tasteful. "Admittedly, he looks more like Jack Nicholson, but hey, I'll have him anyway," this shopper declared, satisfied, "And what lovely Manchester United gift-wrap! Isn't it cheerful?"

Having visited the megastore, I now understand why football commentators use expressions like "set their stall out" and "shut up shop". Commerce is naked and pretty damned ugly at Old Trafford. If you were mentally deranged (and didn't mind eating off paper plates), you could do up a whole house in Manchester United merchandise, and still have items left over for tr bin. Nobody could grumble at the prices. Bath towels are £10; wallpaper is £7 a roll; rugs are £40; a lampshade and base combined is a snip at £17; and a clock shaped like an enormous plastic watch is £16.

But beware: using football club wallpaper is all very well, but how does one cope afterwards in that lonely red-andyellow house, deserted by family and unvisited by friends? "Either this wallpaper goes, or I do," were supposedly Oscar Wilde's last words, but



Trick photography helps your correspondent to come face to face with a hero at the Old Trafford Megastore

the sentiment is potentially

universal, Not many people converged on Old Trafford the afternoon I visited the megastore, Perhaps the famed merchandise turnover - a million quid a week can't be right, can it? comes from mail order customers. Anyway, a lot of items had been reduced, which seemed odd just before Christmas. Baby slippers had been knocked down from £7 to £4, as if this made them more attractive. On the other hand, Le Philosophie de Cantona (a. slim volume) was a tip-top bargain, and I purchased two.

Yet punters were few, and at one point the only other customer was a local reporter, eagerly canvassing my boyfriend's opinion about the scandal of yet another Manchester United strip to be introduced after Christmas. Alas, she had chosen the wrong man. "Couldn't care less," he said, smiling enigmatically. "Football's not my was confused. "But you're here," she reasoned. "You're wearing a red scarf."

Meanwhile, I toured the place, notebook in hand, fighting a strange leeling of shrinking in size. You see, the twin emporia at Old Trafford (the megastore only a bit bigger than the non-mega one) stand in the shadow of the grey stadium and the cold, towering concrete is not only intimidating, it also keeps re-minding you that this big. impersonal club (turning its wealthy back against you) thrives on exploiting little sucker-ish people with bad money-sense, motif-fixations and awful taste in lamp-

This sensation of suckerdom is not encouraging, obviously. I kept wanting to say: "Eric

sive) to pose in the MUFC rollneck sweaters and the white towelling bathrobes. In fact, if you look carefully at the man in the bathrohe picture, he has rather unprofessional sockmarks around his ankles. But it's always the same

'Commerce is naked and pretty damned ugly at Old Trafford'

Cantona doesn't shop in here. does he? When was the last time Alex Ferguson popped in for a box of crackers?" Flipping the pages of the mail order catalogue, one can't help noticing that the players are much too grand (and expenwith religion: we ask for bread; they give us stones. We want to commune with our heroes, and we end up with a signed print in a "gilt-effect" frame, costing £80. Suckers, suckers, little suckers - by the time I left the megastore with



two carrier bags of stuff, I was only four feet tall; had I dallied longer beside the Manchester United hot-water bottle covers ("Shall I? Shan't I? I do need one"). I might have snuffed out

like a candle. No, the best value at Old Trafford is the ES trick Polaroid with the star of your choice, although when I scanned the pictures for the lovely Beckham I couldn't find him. "Which is Beckham?" I asked the man with the camera. "There." he said. "No. that's not him," I said with confidence. "It is," he said. "He just hasn't been airbrushed, so he doesn't look handsome." (I detected jealousy in this remark.)

Fickle-hearted as ever, I chose Cantona and Schmeichel and then posed pluckily against a blank wall, trying to look weak-kneed and overcome by the honour of the occasion. It backfired slightly. Hoping to gaze admiringly into Cantona's eyes, I miscalculatat the top of his head; hoping

to point larkily at Schmeichel, I lost a finger behind a programme he was signing. But my pictures are an excellent memento of Old Trafford suckerdom, and also a rather good symbol for the whole business of football merchandise — being cheap

Intentical Encounters. Jeremiah Clerks (Trumpet Voluntsey); Schutz (Magnificat); Mozart (Horn Curitet in E flat, K407); Johann Strauss, son (The Blue Danube); Bruckner if perferchuschtilat; yet a rip-off at the same time.
"Really they ought to get a
design consultant," the boyfriend said at the end of our visit. It was one of those lovely Bittle Danube); Brucher (Lancler-Quadrille); Heuberger (Serenade); Malcolm Williameon (Sinfonistia); Warlock (A Comish Christmas Carol) 12.00 Composers of the Weelc Ernest Chausson and Hernager understatements that you treasure for the rest of your life. 1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime

GOLF: MASTERS CHAMPION TO FUND NEW TOURNAMENT FOR JUNIORS.

# Faldo invests in stars of the future

BY JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK FALDO has always paid tribute to the help and encouragement he had as a junior golfer in Hertfordshire in the 1970s. Now Faldo, the Masters champion, is repaying a measure of that support by investing more than £100,000 and lending his name to a series of tournaments for under-18s to be played on some of the best courses in Britain and Ireland. This is not a project that I have taken on lightly." Faldo said when he launched the Faldo Junior Series in London yesterday. "I hope the junior series will motivate young players to work on their game and compete at a high level. Juniors represent the future of

golf and I believe this tourna-

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1, ... Rxh3! mates quickly, eg. 2, cxh3 Nxh3 mate or 2, No4 Rb1 mate.

ment will help to identify the potential Walker and Ryder Cup stars of tomorrow.

The series is open to boys and girls who are amateur golfers with an official handicap of nine or less and are 17 vears old or less.

The 60 players with the lowest handicaps will play three 18-hole strokeplay events in five regions — southern England, the Midlands and Wales, the north of England, Scotland and Ireland - and the 16 players with the lowest gross scores will receive points which give them a regional

ranking The three highest-ranked players from each region will compete in a 36-hole final at the Forest of Arden golf club on August 27 and 28 at which Faldo will he present and will give advice.

"II had had the opportunity that these youngsters will now

turn the clock back and set out

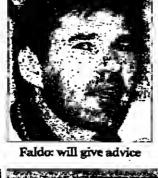
on a professional career with

all the knowledge I have

accumulated in 20 years on

tour," Faldo said.

Critchley, née Fishwick, was British women's amateur champion in 1930, played in the 1932 and 1934 Curtis Cup matches against the United States and was twice English champion. She was non-play-ing captain of the 1950 Curtis



Cup team.

"Sometimes I wish I could have. I would have been

really, really good. I have

learnt so much about diet,

physical fitness and sports

psychology; but I had to learn

careers officer and said that I

wanted to be a golfer, he just said 'no, no, no - only one in 10,000 make it.' I said I was

that one. I would like to break

☐ Diana Critchley, the moth-

er of Bruce Critchley, the television golf commentator.

has died, at the age of 85.

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Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

All together now, boys

It was as if someone had waved a magic wand. The trick, devised by the old Labour-run London County Council, was an experiment in left-wing social engineering before the term was even thought of. Wolverstone Hall was a grammar school set in multi-acred parkland near Ipswich. It was there, in 1951, that disadvantaged lads from inner-city areas, some with prostitute mothers or criminal fathers, found themselves sharing teachers, playing fields and Mozart opera choruses with middle-class boys. Working class and middle class merged almost seamlessly, though prohibiovely expensively. Educationalists saw it as proof that an eline could be produced from anywhere. Sue Summers's look back at Wolverstone Hall's exercise in social mobility is not half as dull as I fear I might have made it sound. It was as if someone had waved a magic wand. The trick, devised by

Ninety Not Out. Radio 4. 8.50pm.

Actually, the cinematographer Freddie Young is 94, though the extra four years have not diminished his capacity to recall, and comment on, the film-makers with whom he has worked since he was 15. He can be caustic when he chooses to be Gabriel Pascal, director of Caesar and Cleopatra, was "a fraud, a plausible rogue". Richard Thorpe, the Hollywood director, was "a bore who hated the English" and Peter O'Toole was "talking rubbish" when he said that filming Lawrence of Arabia ruined his health. Drink did that, says the Oscarwinning veteran who painted with light.

Peter Davalle

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5.00 and Morning Reports, incl at 5.45 Wales Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme. 12.00 Middley with Mair 2.05 por Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, with Devid McNell, incl Sports Bulletin 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport, with Hobin Balley 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Extra, with Devid McNell Includes at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05 and Alter Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Richard Dellyn

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viole and continuo);
C.P.E. Bach (Quartet in A minor for fortepiano, flute, viola and cello)
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2.15 Music Restored (n)
3.00 Mining the Archive, Paul
Guirery celebrates the 50th
anniversary of the foundation
of Sir Thomas Beecham's

of Sir Thomas Beecham's
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
5,00 The Music Machine
5,15 In Tune. Berlioz (Overture
(Roman Carnival); Howells
(Long, Long Ago); Messisen
(Dieu parmi Nous, (La Nativité
du Seigneur)
6,46 A Boy Wass Born. Live from
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Carols): Judith Bingham
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8.30 The BBC Orchestras, BBC
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Yan Pascal Torteller. Prokofiev
(Suite: Leutenant Kljá):
Caplet (Epiphenie)
9.35 Femmes de Stècle, with
Margaret Drabble, Flone
Shaw and Michele Roberts
10.00 Hear and Now. A concert
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Programme (FIL), with
Joenna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours (FIL),
with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm The Food Programme
(FIL), with Derek Cooper
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick
Clarke
1.07 Test Match Special (LW) Christmas radio and televisiand discusses the ments of the programmes.

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7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris
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8.05 Any Questions? With David
Hart; Sir Nicholas Lyell, OC.
MP. the Attorney General;
Melanie Philips and Tony
Banks, MP
8.50 Minety Not Out. See Choice
9.15 Letter from America, with 9.15 Letter from America, with Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature. An extended interview with Richard Mabey, whose Flora Britannica has recently been published after years of research in both floraries and at orace mote (1.9.99).

Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Jerent Hanis
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1.07 Test Match Special (LW)
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with Laurie Taylor
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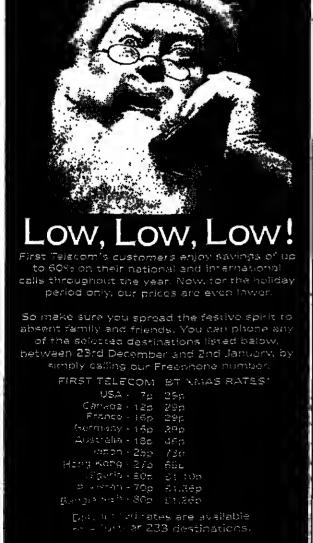
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11.25 Fourth Column
11.45 Better Left Unsaid? Writer
and journalist Ken Kuthwak
writes a letter to Moster (r)
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx

12.30 The Late Book Midnight

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# Guilty, yes, but she is not solely to blame

lizabeth Hurley is not the first actress to make a very bad film; nor, I suppose, will she be the last. But where she is undoubtedly alone is in having the blame for a disaster heaped entirely upon her shapely shoulders. This is most unfair. All sorts of people were very bad in Samson and Delilah (Sky 1).

Dennis Hopper, Diana Rigg and Daniel Massey are just three who will not sleep easily in their beds. Nicolas Roeg, who directed it, may never sleep again. Only Michael Gambon can shrug and walk away with his head high. His task was made easier by playing the very reasonable King of the Phillistines, a man who believed tongues should be cut out only in emergencies, and by the fact that most of his scenes were played opposite his ridiculously evil son, Prince Sidga. Next to the unfortu-nate Ben Becker, Gambon was bound to look good.

tiresomely protracted version of the story. Some rather demure sex scenes in a tent, a bit of flirting with General Tariq (Hopper) and she was off to count her several thousand pieces of silver. "A girl's got to look to her future," she explained pausing only to kiss Tariq and make a mental note to cut out the tongue of whoever bestowed that line upon her.

Much criticism has been heaped upon Hurley's accent, but her Home Counties was just one of umpteen variations on the English language that reflected the fact that this was a television movie produced in Italy and Germany and backed additionally in France, Britain and America. So Samson's accent was continental American, his mother's theatrical English, while most of his pre-Delilah girlfriends spoke Italian-English. No wonder he fell for the first girl

Delilah (a heavily kohled Hur-ley) had relatively little to do in this

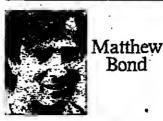
he met with neatly clipped vowe)s.

Delilah, of course, did not enjoy Delilah, of course, did not enjoy her riches for long, eventually being squashed by a very large column. Given her lifestyle, that seemed appropriate. Samson also died in the temple, a demise that brought to a close a performance from Eric Thal that seemed to have lasted an eternity. At four hours, it very nearly had. No wonder the American critics were in such vicious mood by the end of it. Me? I did my Christmas cards. Hardly cross at all by the close.

> iven the mauling Crocodile Shoes (BBCI) has received in recent weeks. Jimmy Nail and Hurley could soon be setting up a support group for serially abused actors — or at least they could once they get over the language barrier. But unlike Hurley, Nail has nowhere to hide, nobody else to blame. As the credits lost no time in reminding



Bond



us, he wrote and created it, he stars in it, executive produced it and wrote the songs. As far as I'm concerned, that makes it his fault. Anyway, last night's episode was the last one, so things were looking up. "Let's hear it for the country boy," I sang cheerily looking forward to discovering what it had all been about for the preceding five weeks. But as the great Kylie Minogue once said: "I

It seems that the reason for everything - his manager's death. his financial ruin, et cetera - was something called "a cut-out scam". Not another cut-out scam, I groaned. No, that's not true. A what, I said? But Nail, alias Jed Shepperd, alias Tyneside's answer to Simple Simon, was ahead of me. "So what's a cut-out scam?" he asked his new and so far still alive manager. He explained ... slowly and at some length. I still didn't understand it, but it seemed to involve deleted records. I wonder

Then it all got very strange. The bad policeman became a goody, the sleazy journalist became the caped crusader and something odd happened to the normal patterns of day and night. As the action shuttled between London and Newcastle at a speed that defied the Al, it could be night-time

should be so lucky... lucky, lucky, on the Tyne and broad daylight on the Thames. As Wendy (Liz Carling) was held hostage by the mad Connors, she seemed to pass through three time zones. Not that it mattered, the gallant Jed would have rescued her in any of them and driven the wicked Warren Bowles (Robert Morgan) into a fuel tanker. Bowles and the cut-out scam were history and so, I hope, is Crocodife Shoes.

> ndy Goldsworthy's work is destined to be history for a very long time, given that his chosen medium at the moment is the dry stone wall. His latest project, we learnt in The Works: The Stone Diaries (BBC2) is to renovate 100 stone-walled sheepfolds in Cumbria, restoring them not to their former functional glory but placing a large boulder in the middle. It looks like we're just putting boulders in a field, but it's not like that at all," explained the

slightly defensive Goldsworthy. "It's the way they sit, the choice of

stone . . Tim Neil's film was absorbing and enjoyably provocative, playfully contrasting the artist's enthusiasm with the healthy scepticism of local farmers. One minute I could see exactly what Goldsworthy was getting at: "The idea of time is so important to me." The restored sheep-fold could stand for another 50-100 years and even when the walls have crumbled again, the boulders will remain.

The line will always be there." But just as he convinced me, I suddenly realised he wasn't even doing the walling himself - with the help of an Arts Council grant he'd got the professionals in. This seemed a bit like Van Gogh saying to an assistant. "Here's a nice colour, just daub it on there for me please." Still, if sheen ever discover picnics, those boulders will make

### BBC1 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (39056)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (30407) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1624662) 9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4507681) 9.45 KILROY (6833730)

10.30 CANT COOK, WON'T COOK with Kevin Woodford (55092) 11.00 NEWS (T) and weather (2033914) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

Consumer advice (5034827) 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (8981038) 12.00 NEWS (T) and weather (1929371) 12.05pm ALIAS SMITH AND JONES (r)

12.50 THE WEATHER SHOW (30443372) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (33594) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (39424858) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (29484914)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (3469) 230 PETER SEABROOK'S GARDENING WEEK Last in series (846) 3.00 INCOGNITO (5204)

3.30 BRUM (r) (7652989) 3.40 Romueld the Reindeer (1968730) 3.50 The Family Ness (1) (6683407) 3.55 Dear Mr Berker Last in series (1) (4402466) 4.10 The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest (1) (1) (1572136) 4.35 Grange Hill (7368049) 5.00 Newsround (1) (3919310) 5.10 Blue Pater (1) (9228117) Peter (T) (8228117)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (963662) 6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (575) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (827) 7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE (1) (7285) 7.30 TOP OF THE POPS (T) (339)

8.00 DAD'S ARMY Classic comedy with the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard. Starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn (r) (T) (6933)

8.30 2POINT4 CHILDREN The second of a two-part story. Ben has disappeared and flone returns from the hospital with more than she bargained for (T) (5440) ... 9.00 NEWS (T), regional news and weather

(3440) 9.30 HETTY WAINTHROPP INVESTIGATES The police ask Hetty to estigate a spiritualist for them, but she is not prepared for what she discovers (T)

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10.25 PARKY AT CHRISTMAS Michael Parkinson relives some of the magical moments from his 11 years as a chet show host before an invited audience (T) (38372) WALES: Iris Williams — Song Book 10,55 Parky at Christmas 11.45 FILM: Carry on Loving 1.10mm FILM: Carry on Abroad 2.40 News

11.15 FTLM: Carry on Loving (1970) starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawtrey and Joan Sims. Flomantic cornecty with the Carry On gang running a bogus mantage bureau. Directed by Gerald Thomas (T) (345952)

12.40 am FILM: Carry on Abroad (1972) starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawtrey, Joan Sims and Berbara Windsor. The Carry On team cause havoc when they arrive in a Spenish resort on a Thomes (3299773) 2.10 WEATHER (7149173)

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Statistician Strikes Back (7406848) 6.25 The World's Best Athlets (7418581) 6.50 Refining The View (8722643) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (2741730) 7.30 The Legend of Prince Vallant (5879914) The Legend of Prince Vallant (5679914):
7.50 Smart (5673730) 8.15 Charlie Chalk
(7793223) 8.35 Lassle (6716136) 9.00
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(9696117): 10.00 Playdays, (2177681)
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Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (9181371)
12.00 Operation Survival (98846)
12.30pm Working Lunch (28117) 1.00
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Charlie Chalk (99407778) 1.15 FILM: Blanche Fury (1948, b/w) Gothic melodrama starring Stewart Granger and Valerie Hobson. Directed by Marc Allégret (T) (769117)

2.45 MR ZOGG'S CLOTHES (3110681) 3.00 News and weather (7870914) 3.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show (3155117) 3.45 Performance (1965643) 3.55 News and weather (6673020) 4.00 Today's the Day (440) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (952) 5.00 Swimming (8391) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (204)

6.00 THE MUNSTERS (b/w) (T) (965681) 6.25 UFO (r) (T) (308198)

7.15 ELECTRIC CIRCUS (500198) 7.30 TOP GEAR MOTORSPORT Highlights from the motoring calendar (T) (681) GLUCK, GLUCK, GLUCK Malcolm travels to Spain,

New Zeeland and Germany to discove how wine gets its flavour (T) (4575) STEFAN BUCZACKI'S GARDENING BRITAIN In the

final programme of the series, Stafan visits the magnificent Capability Brown garden in Stowe, Buckinghamshire, where he is joined by a team of experts to offer seasonal advice on protecting plants from the raveges of winter (T) SHOOTING STARS Celebrity

quiz with guests Frank Bough, Jare Grogan, John Thomson and Sarah White (T) (4310)

8.30 RED DWARF VI Last in series (r) (T) (39681)10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU Highlights from the 1996 series (99575)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (924961) 11.15 LOOKING FOR TAT (774020)



Comedian Felix Dexter (11.25pm)

11.25 THE A FORCE The best in black entertalnment (15136469)

1.30mm FILM: Count of the Old Town (1935, b/w) Comedy thriller staming ingrid Bergman. Gangsters and bootleggers play hide and seek with the police in Stockholm's Old Town. Directed by Edvin Adolphson and Sigurd Wallen. In Swedish with English subtitles. (9471624). Ends at 2.45

### CHOICE

Głuck, Głuck, Głuck BBC2, 8.00pm

Not for the first time Malcolm Gluck reports from New Zealand. The country may be better known for sheep farmers and rugby players than fine wines, but as regular viewers of the series will know. Gluck is a champion of the unfashionable. And the New Zealand Sauvignon blanc is much to Children the Living to the Series with the Children of the Chi Gluck's taste. He is also in Spain, applying one of his favourine words (and one surely of his invention), "gluggable", to a red Meriot. This tipple is also characterised by Gluck as "rumbustions, silky and sinful". Gluck may be an iconoclast, but like most wine experts he never uses one adjective when four will do the job better. Connoiseurs of extravagant winespeak may also relish Ghick's description of the Merlot fruit as being "as textured as fine soft cotton. After all this build-up, to a bottle seems a snip.

Stefan Buccacki's Gardening Britain BBC2. 8.30pm

The dapper horticulturalist rounds off an agreeable series by taking his roadshow to Stowe in Buckinghanshire, where the Capability Brown garden with its abundance of temples and monuments offers a striking backdrop for the plant surgery. Assisting the forthright Buctacki in the expert diagnosis of dodgy specimens are murserywoman Susan Reddin, this newspaper's gardening correspondent, Stephen Anderton, and William Van Hage. There is another job for Van Hage as he takes us round the grounds of Chenies Manor, which has boasted a garden since the Saxon period. We also hear from Wendy The dapper horticulturalist rounds off an

the Saxon period. We also hear from Wendy Witzman, a former dancer and theatre director. Born in Britain, she returned from America II years ago and has worked wonders with the garden at her Tudor inn.

### Shooting Stars BBC2, 9.00pm

The big news this week is that Vic Reeves appears without his glasses. Can it be that having done his best to emulate his hero. Eric Morecambe, in looks, voice and mannerisms, he is now trying to distance himself from the great cornic? But if Reeves has discarded his specy, the show still has discarded his specs the show still, curiously enough, offers a link with Morecambe and Wise. He is none other than Frank Bough, who proves his staying power by hamming it up as shamelessly for Vic and Bob Mortimer as he once did for Eric and Ernie. But if Frank is thinking of a new career as an impressionist, his dreadful Windsor Davies is likely to stop it dead in its tracks. Sarah White from Brookside, television presenter Clare Grogan and cornedy actor John Thomson, complete the guest panellists.

### Doctor Finlay: Snowblind ITV. 9.00pm

This seasonal special is virtually a fourhander as snow cuts off Arden House and Janet and Dr Napier are forced to stay the night with Finlay and Cameron. It proves to be a less than festive Hogmanay. Cameron (Ian Bannen) has too much to drink, insults Janet (Annette Crosbie) and has a heart attack. He has also been egging on Finlay (David Rintoul) finally to pop the question to Jennifer Napier (Jessica Turner) and end Jennifer Napier (Jessica Turner) and end Arden House's tradition of bachelor doctors. Carey Harrison's script will probably mean little to newcomers but friends of the show will enjoy the intense and often testy interplay between the familiar characters. To add to the pleasure, the show is superbly acted. The material may lean towards the sentimental but the scenes between Bannen and Country in the state of the sentence of the and Crosbie in particular have an authentic depth and poignancy. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (7663049) 9.25 CAPTAIN SIMIAN AND THE SPACE MONKEYS (4591020)

9.50 STEP BY STEP (2559117) 10.20 NEWS (3447730)

10.25 REGIONAL NEWS (3446001) 10.30 FILM: The Trouble with Harry (1955) Cornecty threer starring Edmund Gwenn,

John Forsythe and Shirley MacLaine. An old see captain's friends become involved when he finds a corpse. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock (60400469) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (5529335) 12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (9489594)

1255 DR QUINN, MEDICINE WOMAN (922843) 2.00 Home and Away (T) (63167448) 2.25 Murder, She Wrote (r) (60917925) 2.55 Yan Can Cook — The Best of China (6267154)

3.20 NEWS (T) (7887204) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (7886575) 3.30 JAYS WORLD (9357317) 3.40 Zzzapi

Christmas Annuals (9452961) 3.55 CTV 5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (7043117) 5.40 NEWS (1) and weather (489285)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (1) (T) (969407) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (110020) 7.00 CATCHPHRASE (1) (5681) 7.30 CORONATION STREET Alec sets a trap

8.00 THE BILL: A Gun to the Head A judge decides to reveal the name of Beech and Daly's informant (T) (1001)

8.30 FAITH IN THE FUTURE Faith and Hannah escort a coach load of aged art students across the Channel (T) (9376)



Dr Finiary and Dr Napier (9.00pm)

DOCTOR FINLAY: Snowblind Scores are settled, on the night before Hogmanay in a snowbound Arden House (T) (6407) 10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (86001) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (245933))

10.40 FILM: The Odessa File (1974) with Jon Voight and Maximilian Schell. Classic adaptation of the Frederick Forsyth novel about a young reporter who is deter-mined to track down an infamous Naz war criminal mentioned in the posthu-mously published diaries of a death camp survivor. Directed by Ronald Neame (1) (24495556)

1.00 FUNNY BUSINESS (3908B) 1.30 FILM: THE BLUE IGUANA Starting Dylan McDermott, Jessica Harper and

James Russo in a film noir spool Directed by John Lafia (945957) 3.05 BUSHELL ON THE BOX (1) (82404063) 3.35 LITY EUROPE MUSIC AWARDS 1996

(r) (3013599) 5.00 INTERNATIONAL TOURING CARS (1) 5.30 NEWS (81605)

### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (9464285) 1.25 RELATIVE VALUES (30015846) 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (29498117) 2,20-3,20 MURDER, SHE WROTE (6261285) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7043117) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS AND WEATHER

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6.00-7.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (21662)

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**6.25 ANGLIA WEATHER (112662)** 6.30-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (223) Starts: 6.30cm THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (95846) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (23117) 9.00 Film: AT THE EARTH'S CORE

(51069558) 10.40 THE LEGEND OF WHITE FANG (8722049) 11.05 THE PINK PANTHER (7505049) 11.30 DOG CITY (6406533) 11.50 BACK TO THE FUTURE (8301189) 12.15pm SUPER MARIO BROTHERS (9195223) 12.30 A BOX FULL OF STORIES (11285) 1.00 SLOT METHRIN (28204) 1.30 THE BALLOONATIC (21044049) 1.55 Film: TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR (48400594) 4.15 DESPERATELY SEEKING SOMETHING (845681) 4.45 5 PUMP (844952) 5.15 COUNTDOWN: THE SUPREME FINAL (2105020) 6.00 NEWYDDION (868339) 6.05 HENO (947285) 6.35 SION A SIAN (129952) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (247117) 7.25 TERMINAL 3 (498730) 8.00 CEFN GWLAD (9643) 8.30 NEWYDDION (8778) 9.00 TU FEWN — TU FAS (4049) 10.00 BROOKSIDE (702933) 10.35 CHEERS (314952) 11.10 THE LLOYDS BANK FILM CHALLENGE (428339) 11.25 TFI FRIDAY (100846) 12.20mm THE ADAM AND JOE SHOW (6982841) 1.00 Film: THE SATANIC RITES OF DRACULA (272353) 2.40 Film: THE DEVILSHIP PIRATES (7294599)

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6.35am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (8736846)

CHANNEL 4

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (23117) 9.00 FILM: At The Earth's Core (1976) Adventure starring Doug McClure and Peter Cushing as Victorian explorers. Directed by Kevin Connor (51069656)

10.40 WHITE FANG (8722049) 11.05 The Pink Parther (7505049) 11.30 Dog City (6406533) 11.50 The Adventures of Tintin(8301169) 12.15pm Super Mano Bros (9195223) 12.30 A Box Full of Stories (3038198) 12.50 The Nightmare Years (30469310) 1.00 Sesame Street (19240) 2.00 The Living Sea (79462830)

2.25 FILM: The Christmas Stallion (1992) starring Sian MacLean as a 16-year-old orphan whose future is threatened when her grandfather dies. Directed by Peter Edwards (T) (636310)

4.15 COUNTDOWN (T) (1866469) 5.00 TV DINNERS (T) (5989)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (245575)

5.30 OVER THE GARDEN WALL (r) (1) (372) 6.00 TFI FRIDAY The bands include Sleeper and Black Grape (29204)

7.55 THE SLOT (562198) 8.00 LONELY PLANET Justine Shapiro travels to Turkey, where she sees the ruins at Ephesus and attends a traditional

wedding (T) (9643) 8.30 BROOKSIDE Has Ron finally pushed Jimmy loo tar? Nat and Georgia lace up to the lerrible consequences of their love

9.00 CAROLINE IN THE CITY: Caroline and the 28th Walleye Caroline returns home to her delighted parents when the town honours her by naming a park after her



Annabeth Gish stars (9.30om)

9.30 FILM: Mystic Pizza (1988) Comedy starring Julia Roberts, Annabeth Gish and Lili Taylor. Sisters Dalsy, Araujo and their friend Jojo work as pizza periour Connecticut. As the season draws to a close, a dramatic turn of events at Jojo's wedding leads to an autumn of romantic adventures for all three friends. Directed

11.25 TFI FRIDAY (r) (925372) 12.30am THE ADAM AND JOE SHOW Tonight the duo compare American and British popular culture (57150)

1.00 FILM: The Satanic Rites of Dracula (1973) starring Christopher Lee as the blood-loving fiend who plans to take over the world by introducing a new strain of bubonic plague. Also starring Peter Cushing. Directed by Alan Gibson

2.40 FILM: The Devilship Pirates (1964) In 1588 a Spanish pirate persuades Cornish villagers that Drake has been defeated (7294599) Ends at 4.10

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7.00ms Love Connection (4149759) 7.20 Press Your Luck (4152223) 7.40 Jeopardyl (337843) 8.10 Hotel (5724440) 8.00 Another World (6556353) 9.45 The Oprah Winley Stow (7074865) 10.40 Fleal TV (4904776) 11.10 Saly Jessy Raphael (556778) 12.00 Geraldo (50198) 1.00pm 1 to 3 (27469) 3.00 Jerny Jones (65285) 4.00 The Oprah Wartiey Show (78090) 5.00 Sur Trisk The Next Generation (2372) 6.00 The New Adventures of Superman (72310) 7.00 Treic The Next Generation (2372) 8.00 The Next Adventures of Superman (72310) 7.00 M\*A\*S\*H (2001) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (3001) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (3004) 8.30 M\*A

7.00pm Sar Trek: Deep Space Nine (112778) 9.00 Nowhere Man (1108198) 9.00 Models Inc (1111662) 10.00 Fire (1121049) 11.00 Late Show, with David Letterman (1539372) 12.00 FILM: The Blue Legeon (2948518) 2.00am Hit Mix Long Play (8945082)

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SKY SPORTS 1 \$.90em Sports Centre (51440) 7.00 Racing News (90827) 7.30 Calcies: Zimbelswa v

England — Live (1454914) 9.30pm Footbell: Superstar Coeching — Mark Bosnich (8223) 4.00 Ten Pin Bowling (21135) 4.59 Sports Centre (2784914) 5.00 Footbell: Netbusters (6486) 6.00 Sports Centre (57136) 7.00 Footbell: Superstar Coeching — Kevin Keegen (6117) 7.30 Cricket: Zimbelbws v England (86862) 8.30 Hold the Back Page (3117) 10.30 Footbell: Sest of All Time — World XI (74799) 11.30 Sports Centre (81943) 12.30 m NHL its Hockey (43269) 1.30 Hold the Back Page (49421) 2.30-3.30 Weeding (33809) SKY SPORTS 2 :

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12.00 Boxing: Best of All Time (43461285)
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SKY SPORTS 3

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(17333) 11.30 Olympic Magazine (66372)
12.00-12.30 Foot. 1996 World Trickshot
Champonship (62318) Championship (\$2518) .

SATELLITE AND CABLE

Alan Alda and Loretta Swit in M\*A\*S\*H (Sky 1, 7.00pm)

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the Papers Say (71822204) 3.50 The Day
(24370812) 4.00 All for Love (2087372) 5.00
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Coronation Street (1333914) 8.30 Fernilles
(1357594) 7.00 Doing Their Thing
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# Forest forced to seek Psycho therapy



By ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IT IS becoming as traditional as mistletoe; a top football manager kissing his job goodbye in the week before Christmas. Frank Clark, a principled and decent man, the very voice of reason among managers, yesterday explained his resignation from Nottingham Forest, a team that has gone 16 games without victory and is at the foot of the FA Carling Premiership.

"I have just about run out of things to do, so I've done the ultimate." Clark said. "Sometimes, a manager leaving can be a help, and I hope that Stuart Pearce will accept the board's offer to take over, and give the team a short-term lift." Pearce, the motivator and marauder whose tenacity earned the nickname "Psycho", is deliberating over the

offer. But he likes a challenge, and one of this season, someone of a on leaving for Liverpool. He had when, almost certainly, he takes up different approach might stir the lost Lars Bohinen, who also defectthe post of acting manager this morning, he will get two of them: Arsenal at home tomorrow and Manchester United at the City Ground on Boxing Day.

When Clark, a humorous man behind his sometimes lugubrious mask, speaks of the kickstart a change of manager might bring to Forest, the word kick could be appropriate. For what if Pearce takes up the challenge and gets himself sent off in leading by example (he has been lucky not to be shown the red card twice in recent games)? What good is a leader in the

In truth, Clark seems to be acknowledging that, at a club without money, with its immediate future unknown, with the manager's authority undermined from day

Where, meanwhile, does Clark go? He needs a job, at 53 he still has the appetite to manage day-to-day in football, and the assumption is rife in the game that Manchester City. the poisoned chalice, is his for the taking. Clark said yesterday that he has had no contact with City or anyone else in English football. It will not be long in coming, for, with a settled boardroom, he has proven qualities, and Christmas is seldom a time when a solitary manager is parted from his club.

This time last year. Clark was the perceived success among British managers. His was the only club from these islands still in Europe. reaching the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup. But, crucially, he had lost Stan Collymore, who insisted

ed, to Blackburn Rovers. And when he lost Steve Stone, an England winger, to long-term injury, Forest's resources were too thin to replace them all.

He bought badly in Andrea Silenzi, he found Bryan Roy did not have the temperament to follow a splendid first season with another, and Kevin Campbell has lapsed into indifferent form between more injuries. Yet a manager who inherited depression on the Trent after the departure of Brian Clough, had wheeled and dealed to a turnover of £40 million — split right down the middle in sales and purchases despite the albatross of an archaic dub committee structure and accumulated debts of over £12 million.

Clark, a player who came late to the professional game after training

to master the chemistry of a very special club challenge. The ghost, and some say the skeletons, of Clough did not deter him. He rebuilt, he told the truth, and even Whether it is Pearce in the long when the FA sought his advice on the failings of the English game and the relative success in Europe by

Forest, he had this to say: "We've had to play every game in a cagey way to get this far. We've not been able to go out and play an expansive, attractive game, because we are not good enough. Until we improve the development of our young players, we [the English] will always be that little bit inferior

He could cope, this thoughtful man, with most things football could throw at him. He was a left back, like Pearce, and one who had a reputation for fairness stretching winner with Crook Town to his years as a Forest player when, under Clough, he won the champ-ionship and the European Cup.

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term or not, the reality of managing Forest rests on a decision on January 6 of an extraordinary general meeting. Its duty is to decide between two consortiums, one led by Sandy Anderson, a millionaire from Scotland working in Derbyshire, or one fronted by the former Tottenham Hotspur chairman, Irving Scholar, offering the millions of Monte Carlo-based Lawrie Lewis.

The wrangling over Forest's takeover has been so messy that it has also attracted some dubious bids, allegedly even a Norwegian one involving the agent, Rune Hauge, who is back in operation after being struck off for illegal transfer activity.

# Atherton's fall caps worrying day for England

FROM SIMON WILDE IN BULAWAYO

BULAWAYO (second day of five): Englond, with nine firstinnings wickets in hand, are 328 runs behind Zimbahwe

IF ENGLAND had the better of the opening day of the first Test match against Zimbabwe at Queens Club, there was no doubting that they had the worst of the second. Showing all the character they had promised to exhibit in the inaugural Test between the countries. Zimbabwe extended their first innings well into the afternoon to a total of 376 and then struck an important blow - the full impact of which has yet to be felt - in the 50 minutes before tea.

Nick Knight and Michael Atherton began England's innings in encouraging style, positive in outlook and untroubled by a surface that promises little help to seam bowlers for the duration of the match. The three used by one wayward over cost ten runs, did not threaten their

Zimbabwe's main hope of keeping England's batsmen in check is through their one slow bowler. Paul Strang, the leg spinner, exploiting the patches of rough that the pitch

is developing.
It was thus unfortunate for England that Strang, having been introduced for a couple of exploratory overs before the interval, should remove their most valuable batsmen. Atherton, with his eleventh ball.

Strang is a small man whose pace is quicker than most of his breed and it was a delivery that he pushed through that trapped the England captain leg-before. Atherton, whose footwork had been exemplary up to that point. went back and played a stroke that was uncharacteristically

proving symbolic with regard Atherton's departure.

The hiatus created by the rain was welcome in one way, in that Stewart, the next man at the crease, was thus reprieved from returning to the fray only 70 minutes after completing nine hours behind the stumps. That said, minutes from the end of those nine hours, Stewart took a sharp running catch to dismiss Zimbahwe's century-maker, Andy Flower, off a top-edged sweep, to give Tufnell his first Test wicket for two years.

The early finish gave England ample time to rue the loss of the player who has so often been at the centre of their best batting performances to the mode of bowling that has lately embarrassed them most. To lose that wicket to leg spin was a disappoint-ment." David Lloyd, the England coach, said. This leg spinner takes his wickets at 65. We don't want to put any demons into the heads of our batsmen. He is quick for a leg

If they were watching the morning session, on television in the bars of Sydney, the locals must have laughed into their beers as England struggled to take just one wicket in the session - and that with a full toss. Bowled by Silver-wood, it accounted for Paul



The England captain, left, trudges towards the pavilion as the jubilant Paul Strang celebrates the success of his appeal for leg-before

spent getting through the nineties, and was a thoroughly well-organised innings.

He came in on Wednesday with his side 136 for three, having lost two wickets in four overs, and oversaw the addition of 236 more runs. For a long time yesterday, it looked as though England would be facing a total of 450 plus but the last three wickets went in two overs.

Flower is a cricketer down to his boot-straps. He has made runs regularly for his country, captained them and keeps wickets for them. He stands for no nonsense and when Mullally's response to being pulled to the mid-wicket boundary was to unleash a bouncer, and verbal rejoinders. Flower simply touched

the peak of his cap. Mulially has been propelled by a pretty feeble breeze in this match, but that quite took what wind there was out of his

BUT SWAYOUS STORE BY MER STORY ZIMBADWE: Prot livings G.W.Flower c.Hussan b Söverwood....43 (151mm, 100 bals, 5 lours) S V Cadele c Createy b Gough . (7mm, 3 bols)

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44-15-77-3 (1 aix, 9 lours; 5-1-16-0, 11-4-22-1, 12-6-7-2, 3-19-0, 8-3-9-0, 5-0-14-0; Tuhnell 26.5-4-76-2 (no. 3, 8 lours; 3-0-8-0, 4-0-19-0, 8-2-19-0, 4-0-18-0, 7-5-2-12-2). SCORING NOTES (Second day): Lunch; 337-7 (123 overs, 483min; A Flower 94.

ENGLAND: First Iminos N V Knight not out \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2s (57mm, 48 balls, 4 tous) \*M A Affrenton low is P A Strang ..... 16 (57min, 48 balts, 2 louis) Total (1 wid, 13.5 overs, 57min) ...... 48

tA J Stewart, G P Thorpe, N Hussein, J P Crawley, R O B Croft, O Gough, A O Mudally, C E W Silverwood and P C R Tutnes to bat. FALL OF WICKET: 1-48 (Knight 29) SCWLING: Streek 6-2-11-0 (nb 2; 2 lours), 2 C Streng 5-0-21-0 (2 lours); P A Streng 1.5-0-6-1 (1 lour); Olonga 1-0-10-0 (nb 1, 1 lour); one spell each.

SCORING NOTES (Second day): Test 48-1 (135 overs, 57min; Knight 29), Rein commerced at 2.55pm. Play abandoned at 4 40pm. Umpires: R S Dunna (New Zeeland) and ( O Richardson, Third umpire; R 2 Tillin. Match referee: Hanument Singh (Inclu).

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# **DIAMONDS MAY BE FOREVER...** ...ARTHRITIS NEEDN'T

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### Silence marks beginning of the end predicament. Not one person Lucy Duncan, on board Concert, on her

losing battle with the Southern Ocean

the crest of the waves in the Southern Ocean, just coming into third place on the second ieg of the BT Global Chalienge and allowing ourselves to contemplate repeating our success in the first leg. In a short space of time that situation has changed dramatically, for we are now under motor power and heading for the Chatham Islands, 420 miles southeast of Wellington.

My first inkling that anything uotoward had hapwas when being awoken from a light sleep by a loud thud, followed by an eerie silence and a total alteration in the motion of the boat. Previously, we had been riding the waves, but now we were simply wallowing from side to side.

the rest of the watch, I poked my head above deck to see our once-solid mast snapped in two places, like a broken twig. Stuart Pask was the watch

leader on deck at the time. "Initially the boom dropped onto the vang as if the main halyard had broken," he said. "As I looked up, I saw the mast breaking. The top section lay along the port side in the water, connected by wire rigging and halyards. The mid-section lay at an angle from the top of the lower

section to the waterline." Mathew Fletcher, who was on the helm, described coming off a wave into a trough as we have done many times. before, to find the main sud-Accompanied by most of denly go slack. Before he

knew it, the mast was in the water. The situation was dealt with incredibly quickly and there was a total absence of At the moment it is too early

to speculate on why the rig

failed - we were not sailing the boat hard. My initial thoughts, once the enormity of what had happened had struck home. were that this was the end of the racing. We felt we were

competitive and thoroughly. enjoyed pitting ourselves against the other boats. We will just have to do it on an individual-leg basis instead. One of the best things to come out of the past 24 hours is the response of our crew and all the other crews to our

complain. Offers of support have poured in from all the other crews. However, our only immediate need was for more fuel, which was provided by Motorola in the late evening. Transferring cans of fuel in the choppy seas was not easy, but was achieved with the minimum of fuss. Having not seen another

has been heard to moan or

boat for weeks, it was wonderful to see Motorola appear out of the Southern Ocean mist. It was equally emotional to see her hoist her staysail and disappear back into the race, leaving us to plod on under engine power. Still, I am told that the Chatham Islands are not somewhere that many people get the opportunity to see ....

> Race positions, page 34 Rig mystery, page 37

Tea was taken immediately and as Atherton trudged from the field, ahead of the other Zimbabwe, Streak, Bryan players, the first rolls of thun-Strang and Olonga, whose der were heard, presaging the storm that was to wash out the final session but not, the spinner — we have got to play forward." equilibrium and it is already England camp must hope, If Atherton's dismissal was a disappointment - extending TIMES his first-class record on tour to 84 runs from five imnings — it was not the most unhappy aspect of England's day. That, again, was their bowling. With the exception, again, of Croft it was uniformly unimpressive and makes a mockery of Lloyd's aim of finding an attack with a "cutting edge" capable of discomforting Australia next year. Strang after a vibrant 38. By then, Andy Flower, 58 overnight, had dug himself in again and, with Streak providing effortless support, reached the third Test century of his career half an hour into the afternoon session with an impish reverse sweep for four No 970 off Tufnell. It took him 512 hours, an hour of which was DOWN 2 Disregard (4.4); Jewish feast I One way or another (7) Breakfast food: prison term 6 Haitian witchcraft (6) 8 Feeling of dread, loathing (6) Advertiser's catchphrase (6) 9 Country in which Hamlet Grassy roadside (5) Unusual item (6) set (7) TWENTY-FOUR hours ago 10 Prevent from happening (5) 12 Blackmore's Exmoor story Authority, sway (8) we were bouncing along on Word for word (8) 13 Piece of music such as Mes-16 Solo operator (3-3.4) 18 Line cake had coronation Tend; a slope (7) Stone (5) 15 Weigh up (6) 20 Unfriendly (7) 17 Star group as fuzzy cloud (6)

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# Latin American guerrillas' love of money vies with sense of social justice

FROM DAVID ADAMS

SEVERAL representatives of top Japanese firms — including carmakers Toyota and Mitsubishi, electrical goods manufacturers NEC and Matsushita, and the mining firm Mitsui - are among

Japan's business presence has risen substantially in mineral-rich

cy, with investments of more than \$750 million (£450 million). The guerrillas main demand involves the release of several hundred of their comrades jailed in Peru and in neighbouring countries, including Bolivia and Uruguay. The guerrillas are also demanding payment of an unspeci-

tions have an increasing reputation for rapidly caving in to extortion. When a senior executive of the Sanyo electronics giant was kidnapped in Mexico last August, the company quickly paid a \$2 million ransom to secure his release.

Analysts say the time when Latin American guerrillas fought for democracy and sought social justice is long gone, save perhaps for

ern Mexico. "These days it's all about money." said Eduardo Ga-marra, a Bolivian academic. "Most of the guerrilla groups operating in the region today have been corrupted by money and are little more than common criminals."

Peruvian experts agree that the Cuban and Libyan-trained Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac Amaru has a well-proven track record of financing its operation through extortion and kidnapping,

which it likes to call "war taxes". Last year the group kidnapped a leading Bolivian businessman who was released after a \$1 million ransom was paid. The guerrillas were later captured by police and are among those whose release is being sought by those occupying the Japanese Ambassador's resi-

dence in Lima. These people are technically very good at the mechanics of kidnapping," said Gustavo Gorriti, a newspaper editor and expert on Peruvian armed groups. They have made a lot of money with a number of high-profile and financially rewarding kidnappings."

But at the same time, Gorrin says, factions of the group have been less corrupted by money. retaining a relatively high degree of political conviction".

Money may be part of their motivation, Gorrin said, but their political survival is also a result of

Fujimori's Government and the military intelligence services.

Spurning guerrilla offers to negooate an end to the struggle, the Government chose to try to wipe them out. In some ways, these people didn't have much of a choice if they wanted to maintain any level of existence," Gorrin said. "Senor Fujimori is reaping what he has sown with the inadequacies of his counter-insurgency policy."

# fied amount through a "war tax". SAS team enters Lima arena as proven winners

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Special Air Service has taken on a high-risk mission in Lima, confronted by an enemy dedicated to its cause and prepared to die for it.

The Marxist Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement has a long history of violence and any plan to storm the Japanese Ambassador's residence to release the hostages could lead to a bloodbath.

The challenge for the small SAS team sent from the Here-ford headquarters of the British Army's elite regiment is that expectations of their ability to resolve the siege will be nigh, even though their role in this incident is to be strictly advisory. They are there to add their experience to any American special forces team vhich is sent to Peru,

The SAS has acquired such egendary operational status that its expertise and experience have been called upon by foreign governments around the globe. Men from 22 SAS. the regular army regiment, have turned up in Somalia. Gambia, and even the United States to offer their help and

One SAS man was believed to have been present at the doomed Waco siege in Texas in April 1993 which ended in disaster when armed American police stormed the fortress home of David Koresh and his followers. The SAS liaison man is understood to have

In Lima, however, there are seem likely to argue against storming the Japanese resi-

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dence, except as a last resort. Not least is the number of hostages involved, their different nationalities and the likelihood that they are split into

If the terrorists begin shooting hostages, there may be no option but to send in the troops. However, until then, the emphasis is likely to be a "softly-softly" approach - relying on the quiet, even boring tones of the civilian negotiators.
The six SAS men sent to

Lima come from the regi-ment's counter-revolutionary warfare wing which includes a counter terrorist team and a advised against the action. special unit prepared at 24 hours notice to go to a British some additional factors that embassy anywhere in the 20 hostages - and bring to an world to advise or assist an ambassador in trouble. The

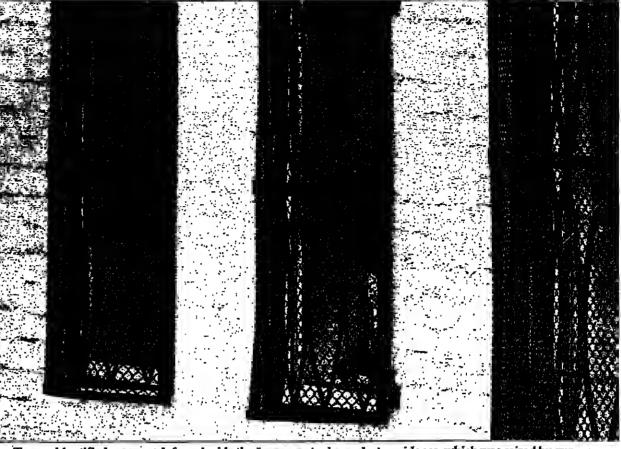
consist of four instructors from the counter-revolutionary warfare wing, all senior non-commissioned officers, and two officers.

Although their role will be strictly advisory, past experience has shown that SAS "advisors" tend to get involved on the operational side. This was the case in Gambia and in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, where the SAS played a crucial part in bringing to an end a hijack in the former case and an armed insurrection in

In October 1977 four Pales-tinians hijacked a Lufthansa airliner and demanded the release of the jailed leaders of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist organisation. The airliner finally landed in Mogadishu. The pilot had been murdered and his body was thrown onto the runway.

The Germans asked for British help and two SAS men were sent as liaison personnel to join a German GSG9 special forces team. With no hope of a peaceful end to the hijack, the SAS men drew up a plan and joined the team in storming the aircraft. Three of the four hostages were killed and the passengers were freed.

The SAS's most public operation was the storming of the Iranian Embassy at Princes Gate in 1980. They used entry techniques which demonstrated the regiment's ability to act fast and aggressively. Explosive devices helped to disorientate the six terrorists — and the end a siege which had lasted



Two unidentified men watch from inside the Japanese Ambassador's residence, which was seized by gunmen

# **Emperor's** birthday celebration cancelled

**FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

JAPAN'S Imperial Palace announced yesterday that it will cancel its official celebrations of Emperor Akihito's sixty-third birthday because of the terrorist incident in Peru. The celebrations, to be held

next Monday, normally include a banquet, a reception for foreign diplomats and the emperor's greetings to well-wishers from a palace verandah.

The decision was made at the request of Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, according to a statement released by Sadame Kamaku-ra, head of the Imperial Household Agency. The opening of the plaza for

the emperor's annual grectings is one of the few

# Moves to free jailed US rebel jeopardised



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FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE siege is a blow to the hopes of a New York couple who have been campaigning all year for the release of their daughter from a Peruvian prison.

Mark and Rhoda Berenson, both teachers, last month visited Lori, 27, in a crude jail near the Andes. She was sentenced to life earlier this year for belonging to the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary

The Tupac terrorists have named Lori Berenson as one of the prisoners they want released, among other demands.

ments, the Berensons were quiet-

## FAMILY

diplomatic assistance and pressure from human rights groups, they could win a reduction in her sentence and improve her jail

She was tried in one of Peru's controversial "blind" courts, where judges sometimes wear hoods to disguise their identity. and where there is no jury.

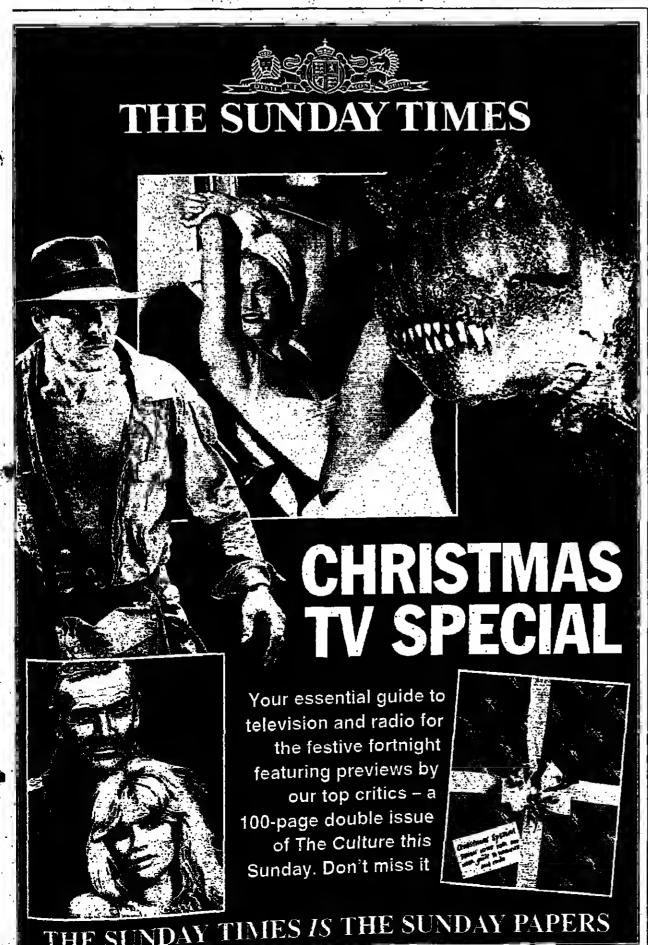
Now the couple fear the Peruvian authorities will be in no mood to go soft on a misguided American who got mixed up in another country's domestic strife. Nor are the Berensons belped by the siege. The Tupac Amarú name will now be linked around the assist her.

world with terrorism, not the "poor people's struggle" that their daughter claims she was supporting.

"We are very distressed at the situation in Lima," said Mr Berenson. "We hope that the crisis is resolved expeditiously and peacefully."

An assistant at the office of Ramsey Clark, a former Attorney-General who is helping the Berensons, said the siege "certainly does not help some of the initiatives we are taking".

Mr Clark bad harnessed support from Administration officials and several US congressmen. But yesterday the New York Post demanded that American officials made no further efforts to





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# Russia stepping up spy activities, says FBI chief

intelligence has improved. LOUIS FREEH, Director of the FBI, said yesterday that Russia is increasing its efforts to spy on the United States, especially in economic espionage He said he would not under-

estimate the seriousness of the damage caused to national security by Earl Edwin Pitts, the senior FBI agent accused of selling US secrets to Moscow, although a full assessment has yet to be made.

Mr Pitts, 43, was arrested on Wednesday and charged with passing "everything" he could to the Russians between worked in the FBI's New York unit responsible for catching

Russian spies.

Mr Freeh told the Senate
Judiciary Committee: I think that Russian aggression has been unabated even in the post-Cold War. It's escalating. It's a serious and continuing

He also disclosed that at least 23 foreign intelligence services are targeting the US and its economic infrastructure. But he said US counterThat was one reason why three high-ranking American agents have been arrested for spying in the past three years.

US intelligence chiefs concede that today's well-paid traitors do not believe they are putting their country in as much peril as during the Cold War. Espionage is still personally ruinous and potentially fatal for those who are found out, but no longer carries an

Pitts: agent accused of selling FBI's secrets

overriding sense that millions of lives could be at stake. As the three cases show,

today's professional spies seem to spend more time spying on each other than unearthing secrets of national security. The alleged damage caused by Mr Pitts did not involve information about nuclear weapons, satellites or electronic technology. Nor was anyone killed as a result of his suspected treachery.

Mr Freeh had said earlier that the Russians' primary objectives were secrets of tradecraft. They wanted to know how the FBI works, its strengths and weaknesses. and what it knows about Russian agents in America. The FBI's privacy was violated and its pride hurt.

John Deutch, about to retire as CIA Director, explained how the end of the Cold War's had changed espionage. He said: "A very few case officers in the CIA and other government agencies just don't think it's that big a deal any more to give away secrets. It seems to make it easier to spy for

try's survival is not at stake the way it was during the Cold

Oleg Kalugin, a former KGB chief of counter-intelligence and now a Washington business consultant, said: "In the old days, we were fighting for the minds of human beings across the continents. Today we don't see each other as mortal enemies, so why not play along with the other side as long as they're willing to pay you?"
Money rather than ideology

was apparently the lure for the three latest accused. Moscow paid them handsomely, \$2.5 million (£1.5 million) in the case of Aldrich Ames, the CIA mole serving life for treason that led to the executions of ten

Awaiting trial is Harold Nicholson, a former CIA station chief, who denies supplying the names of CIA recruits to Moscow for \$180,000. Mr Pitts allegedly received \$240,000, though the Russians craftily held back \$100,000



The "holy" image dismissed by sceptics as caused by light and a garden sprinkler

# Hundreds flock to see 'vision of Virgin'

HUNDREDS of people have been gathering outside a glass-fronted office building in Clearwater. Florida, to stare at what they say is a vision of the Virgin Mary.

Shadows on the tall, smoked-glass windows appear to show a haloed figure resembling traditional depictions of the Blessed Virgin. But sceptics say the shape is caused by light refracted by water in a garden sprinkler.

The shape was first seen by a woman on Toesday morning. She mentioned it to others, and within minutes a crowd had gathered. Later, spectators carrying rosary beads prayed in front of the image. Mary Stewart, of the Tampa Jesus Christian Centre, said: "I stepped out of my car and the presence of God

almost drew me to my knees.

A spokesman for the
Roman Catholic archdiocese
of St Petersburg, Florida, said
that "people should exercise a great deal of healthy scepti-cism" about the "

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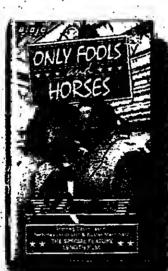
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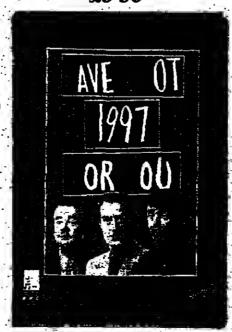
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# **New arrests** after Paris terror blast

Paris: Anti-terrorist officers arrested 20 more suspected Islamic fundamentalists in dawn raids yesterday and police said bomb-making materials similar to those used in the recent attack on a commuter train had been found in a Paris department store (Ben

Macintyre writes).
The raids follow the train bombing on December 3, which killed four people. Police blame the Algerian Armed Islamic Group, fighting to overthrow the Frenchbacked Algerian Government.

### Seles claim for £10m rejected

Bonn: A German regional court dismissed a £10 million damages claim by Monica Seles, the tennis star, against the German Tennis Federation, organisers of the Hamburg tournament where a fan of Steffi Graf stabbed her in 1993 (Peter Bild writes).

The judges ordered Ms Seles to pay costs of £300,000. She was unable to play for nearly two years after the attack and was claiming for distress and loss of earnings.

### Rao forced to quit as leader

Delhi: India's Congress Party, in decline after dominating politics for half a century, was in further turmoil last night after its parliamentary leader was forced to resign (Christo-

pher Thomas writes) P.V. Narasimha Rao, Prime Minister until last summer's election, faces at least three corruption charges and is blamed for the party's disastrous electoral performance.

### Police held over Kenya killings

Nairobi: Fifteen Kenyan police officers were arrested after an outcry against the Government and judicial systern prompted by the killing of three students in protests this week (Sam Kiley writes.) One student was shot during a peaceful protest in Njoro. The other two were killed the following day in Nairobi.

### Belly dancing to taxman's tune

Cairo: Egypt's 12 most famous belly dancers pay annually the equivalent of El60 million in taxes, making them the country's fifth largest source of income after receipts from the Suez Canal, tourism, oil and cotton, the Arab weekly al-Wassat reported. (AFP)



Corozzo: faces sentence of 400 years in jail

# Agents net \* 'big fish mafioso' in shallows

By QUENTIN LETTS

AN ALLEGED Mafia godfather has been arrested as he relaxed on a Florida beach.

FBI agents pounced on Nicholas "Little Nick" Corozzo when the alleged head of the Gambino crime family was at his most vulnerable: wearing nothing but a pair of floral bathing trunks and splashing around in the shallows of Key Biscayne beach.

Mr Corozzo, 56, who was allowed to put on a tracksuit before being driven away for questioning, is understood to have replaced John Gotti as the most powerful mobster in America. Gotti is serving a life sentence. Mr Corozzo's arrest was in almost farcical contrast to the bespoke-suited antics of Gotti, whose nickname was the Dapper Don".

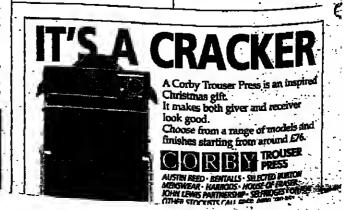
Officers appeared to have made him look foolish deliberately. It also meant they could be confident that he was not

carrying a weapon. Mr Corozzo is believed to have taken over the Gambino family's operations recently when it became clear that Gotti would not be returning for some time. The clan allegedly runs extensive rackets in New York, Florida and elsewhere. Mr Corozzo was charged with numerous counts of usury, extortion and

conspiracy to murder.

When Mr Corozzo and another alleged New York mañoso, Ralph Devino, arrived at the FBI headquarters in Miami they were still wearing their wet trunks. Mr Corozzo faces jail sentences totalli 400 years if convicted of all 20 charges against him.





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# Thai factory girls tell a different story about the cost of Christmas toys

FROM SUE LLOYD-ROBERTS IN BANGKOK

HER shoulders shook as she spoke. "Please, please don't tell anyone my name or show my picture. They will punish me if they know I am talking to you."
This is not a tale of rape, murder or espionage. It is the story of workers in a toy factory in Thailand that makes Barbie dolls and the soft-toy version of the 101 Dalmatians that Disney is relaunching this Christmas. The World Development Move-

ment (WDM), with the TUC and

tional Relations, are appealing to shoppers in Britain to hand into toyshops cards bearing the slogan "Fair play for toy workers". The card reads: "By next Christmas, I want to be able to buy peoplefriendly toys from you. The targets of their campaign are factories in China and the Dynamic Factory outside Bangkok.

There is little doubt that the Dynamic toy factory lacks the "people-friendly" factor. When I asked to visit, I was told that "no outsiders and certainly no press"

meet the employees after work in a cafe in the industrial suburb of Kratumban, where four years ago the Kader factory that made Cab-bage Patch dolls burnt down; 189 workers, including children, were killed and 400 were injured.

Several workers at the Dynamic factory are survivors of that fire. Supan (not her real name) said: "I still get nightmares. The factory floor here is a big mess. We are crowded in with sewing machines with only a narrow passage in between. The fire exits are blocked ... if we complain about anything, file managers get angry. We are

areas of the factory ... or we are made to work among the men and carry heavy weights."

Two years ago, a code of practice was introduced by the British Toy and Hohby Association on working conditions in manufacturing plants in Asia which supply Britain. It specifies maximum working hours and insists companies should abide by local labour laws.

The girls at Dynamic had not heard of any code. Nearly all of us are here on continual temporary contracts," said Somsri. "I have

punished by being moved off the assembly line and get put in nasty worked at the factory for four years, but after I have worked for three or four months they make me resign and then reapply. That way. they don't have to pay me for holidays or sick leave."

Permanent temporary contracts are illegal in Thailand. It is also illegal to ignore the legal minitrum wage, but another girl, Lek, said Dynamic had refused to introduce the new rate, the equivalent of \$6 (£3.50) a day, that was introduced in October. "The older workers, that is those who had been with Dynamic for some time. only got an increase of seven baht (17p) or eight. Only the new ones got the full 12-baht increase, to encourage them to sign up to the factory." The Barbie dolls are made to order by the US toy giant Mattel, which boasted a turnover of \$2.3 billion last year. The company insists its personnel visit

manufacturers regularly.
"Oh yes, we see them," said Lek. "When the customer comes, everything is tidied up. They cover up what they don't want him to see." Mattel said it was "deeply con-cerned" about the girls' allegations and promised to investigate immediately and take action if neces

sary. Last night it said it had sent inspectors into the factory this week and found no evidence to substantiate the allegations.

David Hawton, of the British Toy and Hobby Manufacturers' Association, said: "There are huge problems all over the Third World." A Baywatch Barbie doll in London this Christmas costs £18.99, and a cuddly dalmatian £13.99. The WDM calculates that Mattel earns as much from UK sales of Barble in ooe hour as it pays 5,000 workers in Thailand.

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# Last eunuch of imperial China dies in temple

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

eight, China's last surviving eunuch, who represented a rare bridge to the country's imperial past, has died in a Buddhist temple in Peking where he lived out the final vears of a life of discrimination and repression, temple officials confirmed yesterday. Sun Yaoting, 94, who served

China's last emperor, Pu Yi; and who during the Cultural Revolution was, like his master, persecuted by Red Guards and sent to a labour camp, was found dead last Tuesday at the Guanghua templewhere he was once caretaker. Last night, it was not known

whether Sun had been able to keep his boo - literally treasure, a euphemism for the pickled remains of his genitalia. The kind of ornate receptacle that they were kept in was shown in Bernardo Bertolucci's film The Last Emperor and is much sought after in antique markets here.

Eunuchs, of whom there were often thousands guarding the concubines in Chinese imperial courts, traditionally. preserved their genitalia afte castration so they might be buried with them and thus goto heaven to live in paradise as

CASTRATED at the age of religious affairs bureau, Sun personally served Pu Yi's first wife, who was last empress of China. She died of opium addiction in 1946.

Born in 1902 to a poor family in Tianjin just after the Boxer Uprising, Sun was castrated and sent to the Forbidden City in Peking to serve the last princesses and concubines of the Qing Dynasty, which fell in 1911. In the 1930s, during the Sino-Japanese War, he followed Emperor Pu Yi to portheast China where Japan set up a puppet government.
Last night, John Aldis, a
physician at the American

Embassy here, said Sun's death represented the end of an era. Dr Aldis, who has a wide circle of Chinese medical practitioner friends, including a noted neurologist who has made a study of cunuchs, described the agonies they endured at the imperial court. He said the operation on a

small boy, usually aged about

six, was more horrific even than what Westerners imagine. It was not just the excision of the testicles, as is generally thought. With one quick swipe of a very sharp knife. the entire scrotum and penis were removed at once.

"One can just imagine what the pain and trauma must



Empress Hzn tsi, who died in 1908, attended by curruchs in the Forbidden City in Peking. Imperial China castrated thousands of servants

have been like for a little boy. who had no warning. There . was no anaesthetic of any kind, though some herbs may have been applied. It was brutal and horrible. The agomy was intense, and the en-nucles suffered their whole lives from chronic infections of out a penis it was very difficult:

to urinate." Dr Aldis said that the social stigma — the scorn of society for a man who was not a man-

- was terrible. "These little boys grew up never to know what it was to experience sexual desire or to produce offspring," he said.

Dr Aldis added it was quite

possible that there were still. some unrecorded eunuchs in remote villages, just as in the deen countryside in China. particularly Shandong province, one still sees elderly women with bound feet. In history, some cunuchs have held great power in imperial

households while others did most menial tasks. One, Wei Chungxian, was accused of misrule that helped to hasten the end of the Ming dynasty. However, another, Cheng Ho, who lived in the 15th century. is one of China's national

heroes, and its greatest sailor,

With the last emperor and now the last cunuch dead, China is losing some of its

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traditional figures. Much of its architectural history has gone as well, with the loss of old buildings and city

At the same time, the once puritanical country is now undergoing a sexual revolution. Affairs are popular, and Governmen cracks down on pomography in a "spiritual civilisation" campaign, an Anne Summerslike chain of sex shops called Adam and Eve, selling sexual

aids, is springing up in Chi-nese cities. One of Peking's leading department stores near the diplomatic district

has an Adam and Eve offshoot

under the escalator in the

basement. Women in white

coats advise shoppers on sexual problems and how they With Sun, however, there could have been no treatment

India's eunuchs, page 14

# Holocaust claims rejected by Swiss

FROM PETER CAPELLA

A REPORT prepared for the Swiss Government and published yesterday rejects charges by world Jewish groups that Swiss companies and citizens were directly compensated with money from victims of the Holocaust in settlement of claims for property confiscated in Communist Eastern Europe after the Second World War.

But the report, by two government-appointed historians, highlights the way Swiss economic and banking interests dominated negotiations with the allies and Eastern European countries on the issue in the postwar period, to the exclusion of all other considerations. It suggests they deliberately ignored the plight of Holocaust survivors

The historians found evidence that this continued for decades and said the Government should consider "con-

crete compensation".

Officials said the Swiss Government was considering a compensation fund for Holocaust victims, adding that investigations would continue. The Government has declined, however, to comment on the report.

The historians revealed that a search in Switzerland in the 1960s for the owners of unrestricted to the West. The authorities failed to consider Holocaust survivors and relatives who lived on the other side of the Iron Curtain.

# Mother Teresa walks out of hospital

Delhi: Mother Teresa walked unsteadily out of hospital in Calcutta yesterday after nearly a month in intensive care (Christopher Thomas writes). She was taken to the headquarters of her Sisters of Charity order as doctors, nurses and onlookers applauded. She fought pneumonia, a heart attack, and lung and

kidney diseases while in hos-pital, insisting throughout that she wanted to go home and that she should receive no

special treatment. But she had the best that Calcutta could offer, and the expertise of an American specialist who had operated on her before. The nun, 86, wearing a

cheap blue and white sari,

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The hijras are often bullied, but they make no effort to hide. They dress as women, and the chemical change that follows castration gives them womanly shapes. They control large property interests and have a close relationship with the police

# The hidden world of the eunuchs

India has as many as a million eunuchs leading 'invisible' lives. Zia Jaffrey was allowed into one when sitting in a packed Manhattan restaurant, house to witness and to write about their centuries-old secrets. Interview by Quentin Letts

to discuss human castration, but that was the task in hand with Zia Jaffrey. Not that the word "eunuch" Thirtysomething Jaffrey was easy to utter. The maitre with old-fashioned modesty d' of the "21" Club, an old and estimable establishment off she would have one not disclose her exact age - has Fifth Avenue, pulled out one of written a book about the the best tables in the house. To one side of us sat a group of four shoulder-padded "ladies cunuchs of India. It is called The Invisibles and is a curious cross between fiction and anwho lunch", gorging on gossip and twitching with curiosity about neighbouring tables. thropology, travel book and journalistic expose. It is a hybrid, like the cunuchs On our other flank a couple of

themselves.

changed sexual boasts as they tucked in to hunks of broiled cow. We could pretend to be

discussing bullocks, perhaps. The higras (cunuchs) of India are many. At last reckon-ing it was 50,000, or perhaps a million. The wide discrepancy in estimates is typical of the teeming uncertainty of India, such is the physical difficulty of assembling any sort of headcount in that vast land of filleting Indian evasion and half-truth. "They fib," says Jaffrey. "It is something you have to realise. They just fib." As someone who is herself a labeled half Indian half. hybrid, half-Indian, half-American, she can get away with saying that sort of thing without being accused of race bias. Or can she? Her book has created a stir among the culturally sensitive publishing

and the intellectual challenge elite of Manhattan for the way it presents Indian society in all its colours, good and bad.

"This was one of the doubts I had about the book — would Westerners be able to understand the complexity of issues?" she says. She had to fight to retain certain colourful passages. American intellectuals are awfully bad at acknowledging the flaws and human failings of foreign cultures. There are also the begin-

nings of a controversy about the book in the Indian media. but for different reasons. There, people would rather she had never poked her snout into the hidden world of the eunuchs. They, like us in our smart New York restaurant. opt for cuphemism and murmurs when discussing the centuries-old eunuch colonies. which select their recruits from the disadvantaged young. I expect the book will be published in India but I am a bit worried about it," says Jaffrey. She expects "some changes" will have to be made. and some names taken out to

protect them from attack.
"When I am in India I feel American, and when I am in America I feel that I am an Indian," says Jaffrey. She was born in New York city, where her parents Saaed

and Madhur Jaffrey had moved from India to work as actors. The couple divorced, and in the ensuing upheavals little Zia and her younger siblings were packed off to India to stay with in-laws while mother set to making her name

as an actress and as Britain's favourite authority on Indian cooking. Zia later returned to New York, but the steaming summers continued to be spent in Delhi and she now has a gift for catching, in her prose, the cacophany and scent of the bewitching subcontinent. She

writes of passing through the spice markets, where the hotpeppered breeze stings the eyes. She describes hurtling down dingy alleyways in manic-driven motor rickshaws with drivers who, at the top of hills, switch off the engine with a yelp of triumph at saving some petrol. She writes with a passion for the place, despite all its madness and cruelty. Eunuchs have been a part of life there since early days. The

court curuchs of medieval maharajahs and nizams owed their favour to the fact that they would not mate with the harem. Marco Polo, swinging by the court of the Great Khan in Bengal in 1290, wrote of the castration of prisoners and a lively market in eurochs. In the 17th century, the Emperor Jahangir noted that "every vear, innocent children are . . muthiated for life and rendered



advanced level of care for their

elderly, and a robust disci-pline. Kamal Baksh, a septua-

genarian "guru, sardar, chief, madam, father, mother" was

the head eunuch of the Hyder-

abad house where Jaffrey went in 1984. That was the

year much of the work on the

book was done. Zia was work-

Zia Jaffrey, left, and her mother, Madhur Jaffrey own, blatant shadings of the

"this abominable practice", but no one took much notice. truth. Jaffrey scored a consider-The 19th-century British able coup by persuading a group of hijras in Hyderabad traveller Sir Richard Burton recorded the method of castration, which reportedly is not so to admit her to their house and very different today. "The to betray some of the centuparts are swept off by a single ries-old secrets of their almost cut of the razor, a tube (tin or holy order. The house was, she wooden) is set in the urethra. recalls, "ascetic, rather like a monastery, but also with elethe wound is cauterised with boiling water, and the patient ments of a brothel". The hijras planted in a fresh dunghill ... often live in comfort and have he often survives." The puda highly efficient system of ding waiter appeared at our community, with an unofficial table, and left as quickly as he tithe on fellow eunuchs, an

Encountering such fare, even when not sitting in a smart city lunchspot, gives one According cause to pause. Can such acts really be a fact of life in late 20th-century to rumour

India? (Answer: there is a yes, and according to one rumour market in there is even a cunuch market some-Goa selling where in Goa, selling youngsters to the Middle youngsters East.) How should the modern West-

had arrived.

ern reader react? "There is a part of me that believes in counselling and so forth - but that is the American in me." says Jaffrey. "The Indian in me felt it was important just to report it - to say what I had found and not to state an

The hijras are often builled in metropolitan India, but they make no effort to hide. They dress as women, and the chemical change in their bodies that follows castration gives them womanly shapes. The "invisible" part of Jaffrey's title reflects Mother India's ambivalence to their existence. Hijras have a knack of turning up, en masse, at weddings and births to chant and scream until the family pays them to go away. They also control large property interests and have a surprisingly close relationship with the police whom they inform, being gossips, in

exchange for protection. In her investigations of the world of the hijras Jaffrey encountered shocked, almost comic discouragement from her in-laws that she was interested in following such odd people. And yet she

the project later stalled and Zia went through a hiatus of her own. The "love of her life", Louis Broman, 38, died after a long illness. While he was dying, Zia was unable to concentrate on the book.

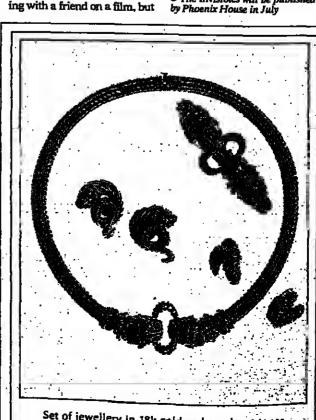
One of the benefits of having Madhur Jaffrey for a mother was the home cooking. "I had the best lunch sandwiches at school," she laughed. "Some kids would turn up with peanut butter and jelly sand wiches and I would be there with three prawns wrapped in beautiful sesame bread. I never wanted to swap lunches!" Another advantage was the access that her mother's prominence gave her to creative guides such as the film-makers Ismail Merchant and James Ivory, whom she lists in her acknowledgements, and in having an ace literary agent such as Andrew "The Jackal" Wylie. It was Wylie who sent the manuscript of The Invisibles to Sonny Mehta at

Pantheon Books in New York. The old hijra Kamal Baksh, surrounded by her disciples, offered Jaffrey a view of her castration scar. "It was at that moment," the author recalls. that I learnt that as a writer I was an Indian and not a journalist. I declined her offer." She felt it would be unnecessary, and that the hijras had probably told her enough about their lives. What is the point of being an invisible if you show the world

everything? We rose from the table and left, followed, I could not help noticing, by the strangest of looks from the "21" Club's veteran head waiter. The Invisibles will be published

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# Boys can fly from flower to flower and enjoy romance'

John Sessions on the need for men to understand women better — and why he thinks of himself as a bluestocking who is not sexually attractive

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seen on Christmas Day in a dramatisation of E. Nesbit's The Treasure Seekers. His childhood, though precocious, was not the kind where E. Nesbit's stories such as The Raifway Children, of middle-class children falling on hard times, were read aloud in the nursery. But he has made up for it since. Mentally and intellectually, he inhabits the late Victorian age.

We were going to meet in the Cadogan Hotel, which would doubtiess have set him off on Wildean flights. The mere mention of the place has him quoting: "Mr Wilde, we must ask you to leave with us quietly, for this is the Cadogan Hotel." Did I know Betjernan's poem? Well of course. Conversation with Sessions would be hopeless without some literary

prep. He wears his learning on his sleeve, letting allusion and crossreference teem from his well-stocked mind. "Beggar him, Estella!" he suddenly cries in the voice of Edith Evans playing Miss Havisham And, They smile at me who shortly shall be dead" in the voice of Alec Clunes playing Hastings in Olivier's Richard III. He discourse on Ibsen, comparing Nora in A Doll's House to Alison in Look Back in Anger. If he had actually completed his PhD thesis (on John Cowper Powys) and come Dr Sessions, perhaps he would not feel compelled to

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lost to the stage, which would have been a pity.
When he first arrived on television in 1983 in After Midnight, with Ken Livingstone and Auberon Waugh - Cave Anderson War fur. the warm-up man - Sessions would sit alone addressing the camera, a little smile playing about his lips. The Scottish accent the was born in Largs, but left Scotland at the age of three) inspired confidence; but he was already hard to place. What was he exactly? A sitdown comedian?

We are still wondering. We know from Whose Line Is It Anyway? how easily he can improvise going to the dentist in the style of Hemingway, or Joyce. In cabaret, (for example, at Private Eye's recent 35th anniversary party) he does his Andrew Neil and his Prince of Wales. In My Night With Reg, in Tartuffe, and in Simon Gray's The Common Pursuit, he proved an impressive ensemble actor. But by inclination he is a one-man show man. After Napoleon, Boswell and Lord Leighton he would be doing Oscar Wilde, if Stephen Fry had not commandeered Oscar for now. Perhaps he could take on the priapic Frank. He draws constantly on the past. Talking of E. Nesbit (a founder Fabian who worked for the poor and fell in love with Shaw) leads him to the struggles of Jane Austen, Fanny Burney, Mrs Gaskell, George Eliot, the Brontes, Louisa May Alcott, Beatrix. Potter. Consider, he said, how females in adversity had been written about by Defoe, Richardson — and the "contained fury" that was the lot of any intelligent Victorian

In The Treasure Seekers, the Bastable children try to stave off their widower father's financial ruin, aided by Sessions as the kindly bank manager. The fact that Mr Bastable is inventing a fridge leads Sessions to a disquisition on the technological inventiveness of the Edwardians.

The photographer needed a picture. Sessions (Could I just take a wee drop of that?" seizing a bottle of red wine from a waiter trying with undisguised impatience to clear up) removed his jacket and instantly began to clown like Chaplin and smirk like Stan Laurel for the camera.

That done, be returned, replaced jacket, and seamlessly proceeded to analyse the subtext have in Dora banabin minimum ber father. "Fathers and daughters - it's always King Lear and Cordelia." he mused. "I have observed it in my own family." He has a twin sister, Maggie, who after a difficult start (unlike her brother,

he is spending Christmas with her. "We are very different," he says. "She looks like Sigourney Weaver, and she's always been a toughie. I have a theory that because gards over When they relief know they're going to produce babies, that makes them realists. Whereas boys know — depending on their proclivities - they can fly from flower to flower and enjoy the indulgence of romance. Even

the say ones do."
After Bangor University, Sessions went to Canada to do his MA and started his PhD. Then a theatre director friend told him he should either carry on being the barathea-blazered, silksquared gentleman player in amateur dramatics" or go professional. Hence his belated (oetat 26) application to drama school. Having got into the Guildhall; he went out celebrating and arrived at his Rada audition next morning with a terrific hangover. "I did Benedick's This can be no trick ... from Much Ado. Hugh Cruttwell said: That was terrible. You weren't acting, you were doing an impersonation of what an actor sounds like." So he did a bit of Pinter's The Homecoming, and

was awarded a scholarship.



dine Chaplin last summer (on a film of Cousin Bette) made him ponder on the problems of the children of the famous. "You remember in The Presude, when Wordsworth rows away across the lake and the mountain above seems to follow him and get higger? I think all these whose folks are in the business - wee Beckinsale, wee Sam West have these huge shadows after them. But it drives

them too." Not long ago Sessions spoke of withdrawing his beneficence from the Labour Party. His vote remains with them. "But they have 'cabin'd, cribb'd, and confin'd' (Macbeth) some of their more eloquent spokesmen, like Tony Benn. The inner sanctum of the party tries to appear crisp, clean, efficient, cost-effective. They have assumed

o he did a bit of Pinter's *The Homecoming*, and as awarded a scholarship.

But perhaps people like myself should realise that Churchill had to break a few eggs to defeat

Hitler. So I'll be sending them lots of money. But I don't want to see any hysterical public relations campaigns. I don't want them to spend it on T-

Thich leads him to broadcasting, and poor John Birt taking on the digital revolution. "I wish more people would come to his aid in his deeply courageous fight to preserve public broadcasting. The BBC's role is to lead and educate. It is the very crucible of our democracy. If public broadcasting goes, I will leave this country."

He is an avid listener to Woman's Hour ("Jenni Murray should have an OBE") and says it behoves all men "whatever their denomination" to know more about women. He lives in Putney in solitary splendour on two floors of "a hig white wedding cake of a house", hut hankers after Pimlico. In The Treasure Seekers, we see him at the wheel of a grand old DeDion Bouton; in real life he failed his driving test twice and gave up. It turns out ne auditioned for second Weasel in

the Wind in the Willows film - "I played him as Alen Clark" -- but did not get it. Meanwhile he is writing a show for Rebecca Front, on Picasso. My Night With Reg will be televised next spring. But tempting offers do not, he says, come tumbling onto his doormat. It's the old problem: what is he "I'm a bit of a bluestocking, not instantly sexually attractive, and my comedy suits some people but

some think it doesn't exist." He will be 44 in January, so he is "into the second wind of the career". He thinks he has done all right so far, but not as well as he should have. "I've spread myself too widely. I thought the game was jumping out of as many holes as possible but actually, that just confuses people."

# Why America's mothers are fighting it out over Elmo

this December have witnessed ugly scenes. reminiscent of wartime Eng-land when a fresh delivery of nylons reached the local F.W. Woolworth.

The rationed goods, this time, are not toffee bon-bons, Barnsley chops, or chicken necks. The things American parents are going mad for at the behest of their children are plump, reddish dolls which, when touched, will squirm and emit funny poises. They are called Tickle Me Elmo dolls and they have been an unexpected and quite

In New Brunswick, a sales assistant was crushed under a surge of Elmo-deprived shoppers and taken to hospital. His branch of Wal-Mart had just received a consignment of Tickle Me Elmos and the poor fellow did not move fast enough. Whoooosh! Trampled underfoot he was, and later borne away on a stretcher to be treated for shock and

Since the Christmas shopping season began in earnest, television news pictures have shown flurries of Elmo activity in local malls. There was the woman who held a onearmed Elmo. Some other Quentin Letts reports on the Christmas toy that is so popular even a Mafia boss has to say please to get one

Mom said she saw it first and we got into a tuggin' match," she explained. "Elmo got torn in two." She waved the doll's remaining paw at the camera to show the triumph of good

In New York City, with the Italianate swagger which has made his family one of the most feared in that smoky conurbation, John Gotti Jr and some associates made what the boys in his trade call "a courtesy call" to the nearby

over evil

outlet of Toys 'R' Us. Mr Gotti is a capo of the Genovese Mafia clan. "Got any Elmo dolls, please?" he asked the toyshop manager with exqui-site politeness, his little pinky raised in supplication. And, what do you know, by some miracle they did have a few. A whole case, to be precise, which was handed over by the toy shop manager with a

certain tremulousness of hand.

something so bad he says "please", you know things are

According to its manufacturer, Tyco Preschool, the shortage occurred because the trade made a monumental booboo about how popular the furry little thing was going to be. Reaction at the US Toy Fair in February was little more than lukewarm and Tyco estimated selling 300,000 of the \$30 (£18) dolls. When a Mafia man wants Things started to pick up in up its Far East machines to make 50,000 Elmos a week. By Christmas Eve the company will probably have sold ooe million Elmos.

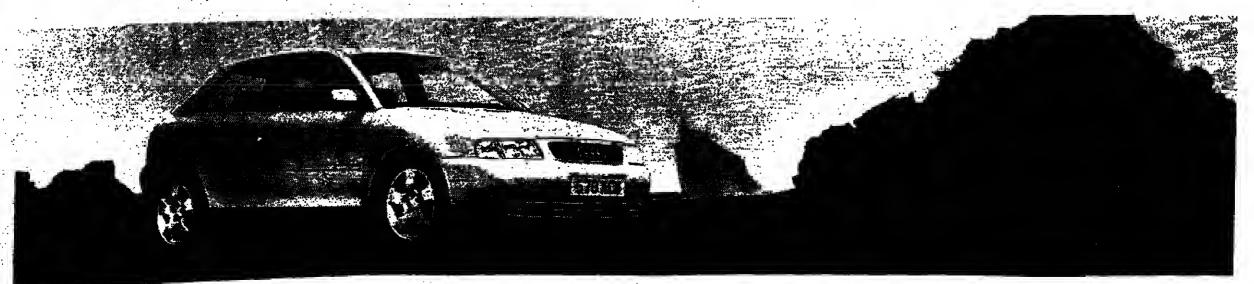
s with pork-pies in wartime Weybridge, a A black market has developed. Outside FAO Schwarz, the hig Manhattan toy shop, Elmos have been going for five times retail price. Charity aoctions of Eimos have seen bids of more than \$1,000. The story of the doll's creator has also touched hearts. Ron Druben, a skinny bloke with the looks of Steve

gling inventor with life's cares on his shoulders. Now he is rich and - like the toy - full of laughter. Elmo has even entered the

political lexicon. A conservative magazine, The Weekly Standard, noted that when the President recently met China's Defence Minister, a Tiananmen tough called General Chi Haotian, the egre-gious Mr Clinton went into Tickle-Me-Bill" mode. Per-haps that is why this toy has been such a success in America. It matches the country's all-grinning, all-accommodating spirit of the age.



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# A bridge too far for London

Roger Scruton indicts the latest

monstrosity of a modernist cartel

ondoners have abruptly been informed of a bridge across the Thames — a habitable bridge, supporting flats and offices. The structure, designed by the French modernist Antoine Grumbach, will dominate the Thames, and cast the diminutive St Paul's into shadow. The Royal Academy tells us that "the public" has voted two to one in favour of it. Only a few bureaucratic hurdles remain between this idea and the hideous reality.
It is surprising to be told of this popular desire for Grum-

bach's building, at a time when educated Londoners are turning their backs on mod-emism, relieved to find that architects still exist who are prepared to respect the old human scale, the old line of the street, and the old sense of detail inherited from the classical tradition. Clearly some-thing is afoot, and this case is a telling illustration of the process whereby a modernist establishment has perpetuated itself, manipulating our rulers and planners, and im-posing its half-baked schemes for social regeneration on the

voiceless multitudes below. The vote announced by the Royal Academy was about as reliable an indicator

of popular opinion The choice elections in the old Soviet Union. was only Here is the story, as understand it. between John Gummer conceives the idea of a rival Thames — a bridge modernists

stereotype, a bridge in the to be composed of sober, spirit of the Rialto and the conservative people with the conservative people w Ponte Vecchio, urbane, inhabited, marrying the river to the life of the city. However, being a mere Secretary of Stale, he depends upon the Establishment to endorse his idea. He therefore entrusts the project to the Royal Academy, and so betrays it into the hands of the modernists.

The Academy cooks up an exhibition entitled Living Bridges, organised by Peter Murray, editor of Blueprint, a publication devoted to the modernist idea. The Academy then appoints a panel of judges, led by Sir Philip Dowson - the ageing trendy who is also its president, as well as being senior partner in the modernist firm of Ove Arup, and unelecthe Royal Fine Art Commission, which has done so much to extend the dead hand of modernism over city planning. The 12 judges include Gordon Graham, president of the RIBA, a quasi-masonic coterie of modernists dedicated to imposing their values on the rest of us. Only two of the judges, John Gummer and his adviser Liam O'Connor, have ever been known to dissent from modernist orthodoxy.

The competition is not put out to tender. On the contrary, the judges invite seven careful-ly selected firms of architects to submit six designs: six modernists, and one token reactionary (Krier Associates). The judges, failing to agree, choose two "winning designs" - one the piece of modernist kitsch by Grumbach, the other a typical doodle from Zaha

Hadid, which looks like a flow chart produced by a crazed computer. Only then is anyone else asked to vote, choosing one of the "winning designs" in preference to the other. The voters are the tiny section of the public that has passed through the Royal Academy's exhibition, itself arranged so as to present these childish jokes as artistic projects on a level with the triumphal bridge of Soane or the great "living bridges" of Venice, Florence and Rome. Do you remember the glorious days of Soviet communism, when each seat in the Soviet was contested by two candidates,

both chosen by the Party? Grumbach's bridge reminds me of nothing so much as the bridge in Bratislava — a comparable piece of kitsch suspended from a single point, which crashes into the old town, demolishes half of it. dwarfs the Church of St Nicholas, and reduces the Danube to a dirty puddle. This bridge too was built by "popular request", under orders from the ruling elite of the Communist Party.

So how does modernism work? First, modernist projects are huge, expensive and result in buildings with vast

Hence they are, from the point of view of their architects, immensely lu-crative, and the source of permanent income in the form of constant repair work.

herited status that they were anxious to preserve, are now formed in another and opposing way, in the modern world, patronage is in the hands of the State - in other words, in the hands of the bureaucrats. politicians and scoungers who live from our taxes, and who hve a vested interest in change since it is the motor of their own advancement. "Progress" is the ideology through which these apparatchiks assert and justify their domination.

Tinally we should take account of the appeal of modernist ideas for the half-educated. Modernism wipes away piecemeal knowledge and slowly acquired wisdom, and puts a comprehensive system in their place. As every child with a Lego set can discover, it requires neither culture nor talent nor skill to be a modernist. At the same time, modernism enables its adepts to posture as members of an enlightened avant garde. In the words of Shaftesbury. the most ingenious way of be-

coming foolish is by a system. That, in short, is how n is that the presidency of the Royal Academy - an institution founded to safeguard artistic values against the corrosion of the modern world came to be bestowed upon someone wedded to an aesthetic which threatens our architectural heritage, and which clutters our once beautiful city with projects from which no one gains besie the



# Growing up as killers

have always admired the Lab-our MP Frank Field, His work is sensible and honest, and he helps those who need help. A while ago, he wrote an article in the Daily Mail which - but let him speak for himself:

They are the new harbarians; a growing army of louts and thugs who make life hell for my most vulnerable constituents. The biggest change I have seen in my Birkenhead constituency since I was elected in 1979 is the seemingly unstoppable rise of this underclass of brutish and almost unemployable young makes who mature into anti-social, often criminal, adults.

said that I admire Field, and I do, but I have to add that if he has just discovered these barbarians, he must have been asleep for a considerable time. Let us begin with three photographs. The first is a man in middle age; he is one of three brothers. He lives rough, but doesn't seem to mind, and he can always be found on a park bench. He is a known and friendly figure. The second photograph shows a young boy, aged 13. He looks a nice lad, with a pleasing smile. The third character is the same age, but he looks a nasty little runt.

smile was untrue. The two boys — remember they were both 13 -- mrtured the homeless man to death. He was robbed, hit, kicked, covered by poured molten plastic, and finally set alight. His burns were such that he was in agony for three weeks before he died.

He is. So was the other boy - his

I repeat that the two boys were 13 years of age: in plain English they killed a human being for fun. Now. what I want to know is - how did little children in Britain become

But try this. Peter Moore, 50, the homosexual owner of a cinema chain killed four men for the pleasure he derived from the act of murder. The men he killed were complete strangers, none of whom had done anything to annoy or aggravate him. Moore's first victim was Henry Roberts, a retired railwayman who lived as a recluse near Anglesey. The second victim was Edward Carthy. who was stabbed to death with a combat knife, and of whom Moore said. "I think he was a bit frightened. actually". The third was Tony Davies. His fourth victim was Keith Randles, and Moore said this about How did children in Britain learn to take human life? We are living

in an age that is unshockable

the way his victim died: "There was a certain enjoyment from it but the enjoyment certainly wasn't sexual. Like everything, it was a job well done. You know, the job was done."
When a victim asked why he was going to be killed, Moore replied "For fun".

Now we turn to the old man (truly old - he was 84), Kenneth Speakman, who was a member of a shooting club in Ramsgate: he was murdered for his guns. He was a highly respected resident of Ramsgate. He was very sprightly. He had "one-off", but something quite differ-been interested in guns all his life. ent it is clear that the boys who did

sciendous person and he was a firm believer in keeping his guns locked away securely. But when the thieves broke in, the guns were not just stolen: Speakman was beaten and stran-

He was a very con-

gled, for no comprehensible reason. We have all read of the dreadful killing of Louise Allen. Again, one of the killers was 13, and the other was 12. The innocent child was kicked to

re you feeling sick? You will be much, much sicker. Try this headline: "Widow, 94, raped by youth in graveyard". Harken to the widow: I decided to take a walk down to the

graveyard. I wanted to go to see the flowers of my neighbour's husband's grave. I thought I would go through the grass. I was walking towards the plaque when someone from behind pushed me and I fell to the ground. He seemed amused and was laughing. I was screaming and yelling as loud as I could. I said to him "Why don't you get a younger woman? I am in my nineties." He said "It doesn't make any difference." I was helpless and there

The young man who did that, Steven Barton, has been caught, tried, convicted and has started a 12-year

Now do please believe me when I say that this hideous catalogue of dreadfulness is not compiled just to cause nausea, though there is plenty of nausea to come. All these terrible things have a meaning, and a partic-

ular meaning But there is more. A wandering man, whom none would harm, found himself harmed to death, and a very terrible one it was. But that is not the point killers abound and always have. More to the point, the shocking Bulger case was not only a

the deed had no conception of murder or indeed any kind of evil. But the two who killed Alan Whittle, and killed him

in the most dread-

ful manner imaginable, were only 13 years old and

should have known exactly what they were doing. As should those children who killed Louise Allen.

These are not scraps from my album, and if they were, there would be a clue. When the Louise Allen case was in court, someone murmured these words: "It is another shocking example of schoolage gang violence sweeping the country." And what did Frank Field say? They are the new barbarians; a growing army of louts and thugs who make life hell for my most vulnerable

True, but it is only the edge. Louts and thugs, new barbarians, stonethrowers, yes, but this is not ade-quate to describe the world we are now sinking into. I want to know why that hideous killing of Alan Whittle took place, and I must know why a little child did it.

And again, I turn to the terrible impossible. Hear the prosecutor for the case saying. There is no doubt the defendants knew that what they were doing was wrong". Then in the name of God, how did such children know what it is to kill

another human being, and even how it is done?

I say it again. There are, in our civilised Great Britain, children who are hardly out of their swaddlingclothes who know how to kill human beings, and some of them have already actually killed human beings, and some of those have killed

human beings for fun.

And the father of the dead child said: "We have tried to bring our children up correctly, but law and order is a joke when you have got gangs running around wild. We never hit Louise even once, we didn't have to. You only had to shout at her and she would burst into tears." And the father of the dead child added: "I brought her up the way I was brought up myself - respect your elders, be polite and have good

Then did the rope break? How did Peter Moore manage to murder four separate men, none of them known to any of the others? And when one of his victims was in his grasp, and be was ready for murder. how did he feel? He tells us, plainly — though it is scarcely credible — that he did it for fun.

And the 94-year-old lady who was raped in a graveyard, and whose assailant laughed as he did so? And the 84-year-old gun-expert whose guns were stolen, while the owner

My pot-pourri of horror is not. I assure you, just to make your blood freeze. I chose these horrors and especially those involving children - because Frank Field and myself are now living in an era that we cannot understand. In the time of Dickens it would not be strange to find child criminals of 13 or younger. But we are not in the time of Dickens. we are in the time of the millennium. And he would be a remarkably optimistic man who, surveying such horrors, would pat a head or two and say that lads will be lads and indeed lasses will be lasses, particularly if he is having his head broken and his

throat cut at the same time. Once upon a time, a naughty little boy might throw an apple-core out of the speeding train, and all the other people would be shocked. But now, a headline in The Times cries out Soaring vandalism threatens murder on railway" and all the other people are not shocked.

Philip

Howard



past? Bah.' said

Stooge, 'Humbug!' The bell of his bleeper pealed only once. But it was a peal to waken the dead. Awaking in the middle of a prodigiously tough snore, and sitting up in bed to get his thoughts together. Ebeneezer Stooge reached across for his portable telephone.

As leader of his party, he automatically assumed that the call came from a researcher for

call came from a researcher for tall came from a researcher for the *Today* programme, desirous of asking him whether he was disappointed not to be "elected" by tele-phony stampede as its personality of the year. And then to interrupt him aggressively as soon as he made to answer. But an unearthly light was stream-ing from the next chamber, as from a television studio, and there were no make-up person-nel to talcum the cold sweat

from Stooge's brow. "Come in!" exclaimed the Ghost, for ghost it must have been. "Come in! and know me better, Mighty Statesman! For I am the Ghost of Question Times Past. And I have come to show you the error of your ways. So take hold of the hem of my

The Speaker of Question Times Past was a handsome woman dressed in buckles and bows. She smiled at Stooge in a lofty but not unfriendly way. And as he grasped her tunic, they seemed to be whisked in an instant high up into the highest gallery of the debating chamber he knew so well, and where he continually strove to lead his party when he was not

following it.

As usual, the hall was clamorous with folly and simulated passion. The bastards, rebels and prigs on his back benches were in full cry, boring for Bedlam. The microphones crackled with the bellowing of the mad cows of both sexes, enraged about Eurines, the new coinage proposed for Europe. A new leakage of sleaze was driving them wild. And a tired grey figure at the dispatch box was trying to repeat for the third time the empty soundbite that his rhetoric coaches had written and rehearsed for him.

Stooge pointed a trembling finger at the figure at the dispatch box. "Dread Spectre." he cried "Can that be . . ?" But the spectral Speaker was already dragging Stooge back-wards through time to a more gracious parliamentary age. Prime Minister's Questions were then no bullring. The statesman at the dispatch box (he looked like the Walrus in Alice) was reading an answer he had composed for himself in fountain pen on the back of an envelope. It merely said that he proposed to transfer the question to his right honourable friend, whose responsibility

ack, back up the years, they flew to the old Chamber before it was burnt down by the bonfire of the tally-sticks on which the Treasury did its sums for centuries before the computer. The statesman at the dispatch box was orating in the stately periods of a bygone age. "How is it possible that any honourable man, editing a public paper of such circulation as The Times, can reconcile to his conscience the act of having made public that which he must have known was intended to be a public secret?" And a gentleman in the press gallery was scribbling his reply in print "We hold ourselves to be responsible, not to politicians. but to the people of England for

the accuracy and fitness of that which we think proper to publish. Whatever we conceive to be injurious to the public interests, it is our duty to withhold. But we ourselves are judges quite as proficient on that point as the Prime Minister or the Leader of the Opposition."

"So not even then in those allegedly golden days could the doctors spin those rascals of the press to write what we wanted," exclaimed Stooge. "Good Spirit," he pursued, as down upon the ground he fell before her, "I promise that I will honour the Spirit of Question Time Past. I will ask serious questions and give proper answers. I will see the Good even in my most tiresome colleagues. I will not take myself too seriously nor treat my opponents sarcastically "(Here take in a good deal of Dickensian sentimentality. For

Dickens was a post-modernist before his time, constantly stepping outside his text to address the Reader.)

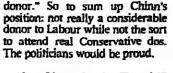
And so, as the Spectre Speaker observed. God bless Us, Every One! And thank God they are all going home to spend more time with their families for

# **Double Chinn**

ONE of Tony Blair's greatest financial supporters popped up on Wednesday evening at a fundraising dinner for a leading Conservative organisation. Sir Trevor Chinn, head of Lex Services, one of the country's biggest car dealerships, was named last month as one of the superleague who had given substantially to the blind trust fund which provides finance for Tony Blair's private office. The entire fund is worth some

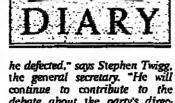
One Wednesday evening, however, he brought a table of ten to a fundraising dinner at the Café Royale in London for the Conservative Friends of Israel. "It is an organisation within the arena of the Conservative Party," Chinn reluctantly admitted yesterday. So within the arena, in fact, that the Prime Minister turned up to make a speech. A six-figure sum was raised for the Conservative Friends for Israel, and Conservative Central Office will be receiving a tidy

slice of that. "My interest is in Israel," insists Chinn. "I am just as involved with the Labour Friends of Israel." Just to complete the circle. Chinn



● Alan Howarth, the Tory MP who defected to Labour last year. continues to rise within his new party. He is still looking for o seat. but he has just been co-opted on to the executive of the Fabian Society. "He joined the society as soon as





continue to contribute to the debate about the party's direction." Not that the Webbs would

# Roman home

ITALIAN-SPEAKER required. with background in the arts, to take over as curator of the Keats-Shelley memorial house in Rome. Undoubtedly one of the most agreeable berths in arts management, the house has been occupied by Bathseba Abse. 37, for the past six years, which included the bicentenaries of the births of both Keats and Shelley. Now, recently married to an Italian diplomat and heading with him to Brussels, she is leaving reductantly.

and Alexandra visited the house, near the Spanish Steps, for the first time. The job comes with a very noisy flat beneath the house. says Ms Abse, "so it is not a job for someone who wants a tranquil life. But for me, Italy has been what Keats called the 'paradise of exiles"."

# Well spent?

MOTHER TERESA'S improving health is good news all round, except down at the accounts department of CNN in New Delhi where there is something of a conflict of interests. The network's bureau



has spent an inordinate slice of its annual budget maintaining a round-the-clock vigil outside the Calcutta hospital where she recently underwent heart surgery. CNN's headache was turning

into a migraine yesterday when Mother Teresa, who has suffered a heart attack, pneumonia, lung disease and kidney disease in the past three months, tottered cheerily into a waiting limousine to return to her convent for Christmas - swiftly followed by the CNN film crew.

 Early mornings in Porto Ercole, the seaside playpen for Rome's Alfo Spyder classes, will be quieter after the death of Morcello Mastroianni. As the town's maturer signore pottered around buying their pannini. Mastroianni would emerge from his home up on the hillside in full cycling kit, lycra shorts included. Then mounting a multi-geared racer he would swoop down through the town and off for a heart-pumping ride. His return was a much swearier uphill business.

### New material

MADONNA'S performance as Evita is as nothing, say her friends, to her Andrew Lloyd Webber act. She has apparently perfected a



E-viva Evita

tion, the two spent many tiring hours together in rehearsal, and naturally enough for a performer Madonna is said to have had Sir Andrew's voice and mannerisms off pat.

Sir Andrew was apparently blissfully unaware of the double act taking place. Although she is in London for the opening of the film of Evita. Madonna has not been spending enough time with Sir Andrew to try out her impersonation on him.





# SPEAK, MEMORY

From Brixton to Bahamas: the dangers of politicians abroad

Many statesmen, from Julius Caesar to General Galtieri, have embarked on adventures abroad to burnish their reputation. But the past too is a foreign country ripe for colonisation by politicians.

This week Tony Blair took the trip down memory lane that John Major, Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan have followed before him. The trip was not an unalloyed success. His TV tale of a failed teenage trip to the Bahamas seems to have been more heavily embroidered than the Bayeux tapestry. Archer's syndrome, the condition of allowing natural creativity free play with one's memory of life before politics, is not, it seems, confined to Lord Archer.

We should not, however, be too censorious: we recipients of memories must share some of the guilt with the inventors of them. Politicians are now too packaged; every sound they emit is too bitten into shape; voters are thirsty for evidence of what their leaders are really like. The better they know what they did before they entered public life, the better they think they can judge their real fitness for it.

The public interest in Mrs Blair and Mrs Major may seem a frivolous distraction from the real beauty contest between competing tax regimes. But voters are fascinated by the leaders' wives because their choice of partner was the most important decision Messrs Blair and Major made before they entered the Commons. The choice of Cherie and Norma can be held to say more about their respective spouses than any number of, rarely enlightening, keynote speeches about core values.

Party spin-doctors, sensitive to how suspicious the public have become of current pronouncements, have become increasingly alive to the power of the past. Try Memory, or Coldharbour, Lane, Prime Minister, A boyhood in Brixton is now thought to communicate concern for the less fortunate more effectively than the pledge of another billion pounds for the National Health Service. The Marxists have been proved right: the personal, now, is always political. President Clinton was elected on a country in the future.

promise to re-invent Government but his main political achievement seems to have been re-inventing himself. Slick Willie, the hustler from Hot Springs, a louche Arkansas gambling town became Bill, the boy from a town called Hope who in his journey from fatherless cabin to the Governor's

mansion embodied the American Dream. Mr Blair has been criticised for borrowing from the US President's campaign style. But it is Mr Major's own dramatisation of his journey from two rooms in South London to 10 Downing Street that seems the more obvious homage. From the 1992 election broadcast The Journey to the 1996 party conference sideswipe at Labour's old school tles. Mr Major has turned his narrative into a metaphor for meritocracy. Mr Major's earliest years in the suburban security of Worcester Park, his undistinguished academic record and his reliance on the patronage of others, such as Anthony Barber, have all been eclipsed by the careful construction of a Major myth.

Mr Blair, whose journey from Fettes to the Bar via St John's College Oxford is hardly an odyssey of the underprivileged, has had to work hard to pepper his past with moving moments. In his party conference speech this year the Labour leader opened his heart to talk of his father's illness. The emotion was sincere but the effect was mixed. The British, despite the efforts of Vanessa and Esther, tend not to like their emotions raw. Bared souls induce the same embarrassment among most Britons as bared bodies, even at special seaside corrals such as nudist beaches or party conferences.

Mr Blair's latest schoolboy memory, bunking off to the Bahamas, seems as though it might have been designed to convey a hint of rebelliousness, to temper the Labour leader's toothy wholesomeness. Mr Blair may feel that sharing his past sins makes him more human; so it may do. But it would be desirable if politicians refrained from telling the voters so much about the journeys they have made in the past and so little about where they propose to take the

# **DONS AND DATA**

Assessment of university research is difficult but worthwhile

League tables and external scrutiny are now an established part of British education. While schools may not love them the tables have been accepted and in some cases about them remains it concerns the best means of producing the most informative material. Universities, on the other hand, show few signs of even grudging respect for external evaluation. Although the figures published yesterday, and reproduced in The. Times this morning, are the result of the fourth such review in ten years, they still have few friends in the common rooms.

Some of the more lurid accusations of the past — such as the claim that the whole concept was a monstrous threat to academic freedom - seem to have been quietly dropped. Instead complaints focus in three main areas: that the bureaucratic demands made in collecting the required data are excessive; that it is impossible to make meaningful judgments between radically different forms of research; and that funding should not be contingent on this formula.

All three arguments have some truth but not enough to invalidate the project. Any system which requires 60 panels to examine 69 subject areas through four submitted pieces of research per staff member is going to generate an enormous amount of paperwork. After the last exercise in 1992 the Higher Education Funding Council promised a less burdensome structure for future years. It has not delivered. Such bureaucracy clearly imposes costs in terms of academic time. But there have also been benefits. Even dons in the most ancient of universities will concede, through gritted teeth, that outside pressure has forced them to develop research strategies and deal with

those staff members whose output has been inexcusably low or persistently poor.

It is not easy to devise objective criteria for measuring research quality. With schools common benchmark - examination results that can be used as a yardstick. No such simple medium exists for the output of dons. Nonetheless, both in the arts and sciences there are enough similarities to allow for the sort of intensive peer group review that was the hallmark of the 1996 enterprise. Academics seem content to use the same technique when deciding upon the appointments of professors. Engaging in the abstract thesis that there is no such notion as objective good may make for stimulating philosophical debate. It is not a basis from which the Department for Education can proceed.

On the matter of funding the critics have a valid point. After 1992 an elite set of 15 mostly older universities suggested that they receive virtually all available resources to concentrate on research while the rest made teaching their near-exclusive purpose. That was always a rather self-serving suggestion. It would be very hard to justify on the results now published. Some 59 universities have at least one department that has attained the highest grade available, one that implies the majority of output is at an international standard. That does not suggest that research funding should be allocated wholly on so narrow a basis.

The majority of our universities should continue to seek both high-quality research and teaching. This research exercise has highlighted a broadly based improvement since four years ago. Most dons would support that conclusion even if they detest the means by which it was generated.

# **EVEREST OF THE SPIRIT**

The risk may be less but the search remains the same

Sir Ranulph Fiennes failed in his latest quest willpower combined with obstinacy. hubris to trek alone across the breadth of Antarctica. Kidney stones crippled him after only 26 days, and he had to be airlifted to hospital in Chile. Yesterday he returned to Britain, a haggard and disappointed man. Yet even his failure has something heroic about it. The ageing, craggy explorer set himself one of the most challenging endurance tests in the world's most inhospitable continent, and made rapid progress. He continued even when in agony, crossing a formidable ridge in a near blizzard and displaying to the video camera the toll this took on his bandaged feet and broken body. On arriving at Heathrow he announced that he is off to Siberia for his next expedition.

Sir Ranulph is a very English eccentric, in the tradition of Scott, Livingstone, Wilfred Thesiger and others who have battled their way through deserts and icefields beyond the endurance of ordinary mortals, surviving as much on willpower as on their meagre rations. Getting there first was the motive that drove them on. The satisfaction for Livingstone and Sir Edmund Hillary was to plant their flags in places where their countrymen had never ventured before, and masochism to fashion bodies and nerves of steel. Critics can point to the artificial nature of

such ventures nowadays. For if an explorer is crippled by frostbite, a lone yachtsman becalmed or a balloonist marooned in the desert, he can radio for help and wait until he is airlifted to safety. For Amundsen. Magellan and Lindbergh there was no such lifeline; they were testing the limits of endurance and technology on their own, and either made it or died in the attempt. Nowadays there are few natural frontiers left to explore, apart from the deepest trenches of the seabed or the wastes of outer space. Those who set out to walk across the Antarctic, race to the North Pole or circumnavigate the globe in a tiny vessel are imposing upon themselves conditions that they could ignore if they wished.

The challenge nowadays has therefore subtly changed. Those who excite our imagination and awe are the men and women who pitch themselves not against the simple elements but against their own handicaps or limitations. Sir Ranulph is now 52. His body bears the scars of earlier Scott paid with his life for his determination expeditions, and each further quest is a to achieve similar glory for England. In all, greater physical and psychological Everest.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Duke's views on gun legislation

From Mr Tony Hill

Sir, The Duke of Edinburgh likens guns to cricket bats (reports, Decem-ber 19). If Thomas Hamilton had entered a gym with a cricket bat in his hand how many people could he have battered to death before being restrained by the adults?

The Duke should consider the real reasons for a call to ban handguns (letters, December 16, 17). Our society is getting more and more violent, and many of us do feel threatened. No doubt most members of gun clubs are "peaceable" critzens, and of no general risk, but there is that possibility that their guns could be used in anger or distress, as were Michael Ryan's and Thomas Hamilton's. Both were accepted members of the shooting fraternity until they turned their guns on

innocent people.

The removal of any weapons from circulation has got to be a good step.

Yours etc. TONY HILL. 15 The Slade, Silverstone, Northamptonshire.

From the Reverend Charles Jenkin

Sir, The Duke of Edinburgh is mistaken when he says the Government's Bill on handgun legislation is blam-. ing the shooting community for the tragedy at Dunblane. The type of weapons themselves was a significant fac-tor in what drove Thomas Hamilton.

It is surely not incidental that the atrocities at Hungerford and Dunblane were committed with automatic and high-calibre weapons, the sheer power of which can go to a madman's head. The nature of 22 handguns and rifles, by contrast, encourages more

More stringent checks on individuals will not help, in my view: is the shooting community really prepared to put up with the invasion of privacy, and extremely cautious presumption of fitness, that would be necessary to stop determined and ingenious psy-chopaths from obtaining high-powered weapons legally? The only way is to ban them.

Far from being a kneejerk reaction or fudge, the legislation's main pro-posals appear to me to find a very good balance between appropriate gun control and the legitimate rights of shooters. Why does anyone need to target-shoot with .45 pistols if not to participate in some way in an unhealthy macho culture? My view that this is immoral was confirmed when I saw a TV news report showing ima of human beings as targets in a gun

Yours faithfully CHARLES JENKIN. The Rectory, 67 Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. December 19.

From Mr Mark Marsh

Sir, Predictably, those who seek the prohibition of handguns have responded with emotion and crude insult to the Duke of Edinburgh's remarks.

I applaud the Duke. I have never towned a handgun, and have no wish to, but I do wish this debate were conducted in a rational manner. I regret that, thus far, it has been driven by emotion and I agree with Douglas Hurd that this is no basis for legisla-

Yours faithfully MARK MARSH. Columbus Square Manor Road, Erith, Kent.

From Mr K. Seedhouse

Sir, When Thomas Hamilton planned the destruction of the children of Dunblane, the termination of his own life was presumably of equal importance to his tormented mind. Perhaps the Duke has not considered how Hamilton could turn a cricket bat against

Yours faithfully, K. SEEDHOUSE, 4 The Burrows, Cuddington, Cheshire. December 19.

From Mr L. T. Allen Sir, The Duke of Edinburgh obviously felt that it is better to be right than politically correct.

Yours faithfully, L. T. ALLEN, 30 Prescott Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. December 19.

## Support for disabled

From the Reverend Peter D. McGuire Sir, Alan Challoner (letter, December 12) says that caring for a disabled child may undermine the family structure, causing disruption in the lives of siblings, and unmitigated

stress to their parents". The fact that many "normal" children also have these effects surely points to problems and stresses of farmily life being more complicated than he suggests.

Yours sincerely, PETER D. McGUIRE, 9 Castle Hill, Eckington, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. December 12.

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# UK universities 'at a crossroads'

From Sir Richard Luce, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham

Sir, In your report of December 13 on the LSE governing body's decision, in principle, to allow the introduction of top-up fees for students (see also lead-ing article, December 14), you refer to the experience of the University of Buckingham as the only independent university.

May I, as retiring Vice-Chancellor of that university, impart to your readers a view that I have formed after five years' experience of higher education.

Universities in the UK are at a crossroads. The dramatic but wel-come expansion in access to higher education of recent years has also seen a reduction in taxpayers' support per student. If this continues, we shall see a steady deterioration in the quality of higher education.

One painful example of this is the decline to staff/student ratios and small tutorials. The chances are that, whichever party forms a government after the general election, it will not have sufficient taxpayers' resources available to sustain a high-quality university education, in view of the range of other priorities in primary and secondary education and health services, and the pressure to contain public spending.

This presents a unique opportunity for Sir Ron Dearing's committee, appointed by the Government with the support of the Labour Party, to produce a coherent set of recommendations for the maintenance of highquality British universities in the next

span. We must give all universities their independence by freeing them from dependence on direct government funding. That freedom will facilitate a di-

A radical rather than piecemeal ap-

proach is needed, but one that is im-

plemented over a reasonable time-

verse range of universities able to accommodate an increasingly large and varied student market - from school leavers to mature students studying full-time or part-time, using a number of learning methods. Universities success will depend upon matching the quality of service they can offer the student to the purposes of their particular missions.

This strategy must be buttressed by a new funding system, at the heart of which should be the recognition that those students who can afford to do so should have to pay a share of their tui-tion fees. The LSE has proposed a slid-ing-scale method of support governed by the income of the student or their parents. Those who are not being funded directly by the State must be encouraged to develop savings and loan schemes to enable them to pay their fees.

It requires courage on the part of both universities and politicians to journey down this path. The LSE should be congratulated on taking this decision and acting as a catalyst for change.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD LUCE, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Buckingham, Buckingham MKI8 IEG.

## CPS and the disclosure of evidence

From Mr Christopher Wilson-Smith, QC

Sir, The legal profession will have read with grave disquiet the proposal that the Crown Prosecution Service and the police will determine the circumstances in which unused material disclosed to the defence (report, December 11).

Experience has shown that the CPS or the police seldom give adequate attention to unused material, while it is normal for the defence to review this material with care. It is surprising how often evidence of crucial importance to the defence is discovered in

The profession will have no confidence in a system where the defence are dependent on the Crown or the police to determine what they should see and what they consider relevant. It is pre-

cisely this situation which bas led to serious miscarriages of justice. Objectivity is what is required - a quality for which the prosecuting authorities have not always been renowned.

These proposals appear to be a unilateral and fundamental change of policy. I suspect that the courts would be very concerned if there were to be such a far-reaching change in what is now accepted practice; and it will place an intolerable burden on those who prosecute at the Bar.

Surely, it is still an important principle that justice must be seen to be done. What Barbara Mills, QC, contemplates will do nothing to enhance

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER WILSON-SMITH. 35 Essex Street, Temple, WC2. December 12.

# Role of Croatia

From the Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia

Sir, I express my deepest astonishment at your leading article of November 29, "The egg revolution", in which you attempted to equate the policies and roles of the Croatian President, Dr Franjo Tudjman, with those of the Serbian President, Slobodan Milosevic. Such a thesis is totally unfounded and misplaced.

President Tudiman was among the first to offer a political solution to the so-called Yugoslav crisis. Croatia was first to recognise the independence of successor states to former Yugoslavia, including Bosnia-Herzegovina. Under the determined leadership of President Tudjman, Croatia played a decisive role in changing the balance of power in the region last year, thus reversing a major part of the earlier gains of Greater Serbian expansionism and creating the strategic condi-tions that finally lead to the conclusion

of the Dayton peace agreement. The

full implementation of that agreement is one of Croatia's national goals. President Tudjman's commitment

to co-operate fully with the international community contributed deci-sively in establishing Croatia as a stable and potentially prosperous country based on democratic pluralism and free market economy.

Unlike Scrbia, Croatia is a member of all the major international organis-ations — including the United Na-tions, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Council of Europe, the International Monetary Fund and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development - and the international banking community regards Croatia now as a highly desirable partner.

Your attempt to artificially equate Croatia and Scrbia, and their leaders. can serve no constructive purpose.

Yours faithfully. ANTE CICIN-SAIN, Embassy of the Republic of Croatia. 21 Conway Street, WI.

### Jams tomorrow

From Professor Emeritus Anthony Ralston

Sir, Richard Botwood is quite right to stress the need for more investment in public transport systems in London (letter, December 14: see also letters November 20, 27 and December 4). He is also correct that investment alone will not be enough to solve the fast-approaching traffic gridlock in London and that there is a need to "initiate a city-wide strategy which includes sticks as well as carrots".

There is only one "stick" that has much chance of working. This is road pricing. Drivers wishing to enter Lon-don during peak traffic times must pay for that privilege and those living in London must also pay for driving during peak periods. Until recently such a policy would have been techni-cally infeasible but the technology now exists.

While implementing road pricing would be expensive, the cost would be rapidly recovered by the charges. Additionally such charges could provide source of revenue for upgrading public transport.

Undoubtedly road pricing would be unpopular with many, but it does stand a fair chance of ameliorating, if not solving. London's traffic prob-lems. The chief impediment is neither fiscal nor technological, but rather an absence of political will to propose such a policy and to carry through its introduction.

Sincerely, ANTHONY RALSTON, Flat 4, Albert Court. 58 Prince Consort Road, SW7. December 15.

### Royal succession

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, On the question of equal rights of succession to the throne, Nigel Miskin (letter, December 17) asks: "Is it not rather arrogant for us to presume to dictate to future generations in this

By that token, has not this country always been labouring under an arro-gant presumption that only male heirs can succeed?

Mr Miskin questions changing the present order of succession so that the Princess Royal would be raised above the Duke of York, his little daughters and Prince Edward, Why not? Personally, I think that our popular and hard-working Princess Royal would make an excellent monarch. We could do worse.

Yours faithfully. SYLVIA DISLEY, Hampton House, Upper Sunbury Road, Hampton, Middlesex. December 17.

From the Dean and Tutor in Ancient History, Merton College, Oxford

Sir, Had Lord Archer's proposed rules for the royal succession been in force at the time, Kaiser Wilhelm II would have succeeded to the British throne on August 5, 1901.

Yours faithfully, THOMAS BRAUN, Merton College, Oxford. December 17.

### Just solution to 'litigation lunacy'

From Mr D. E. Downs

Sir. The sentiments expressed by Simon Jenkins on December 14, lamenting the culture of litigation, compensation and punitive damages which threatens to poison the courtesies and disciplines that hold citizens together", will surely be echoed

by many.

If punitive damages, when awarded, were paid into a charitable trust then honour would be satisfied, the person or body doing the wrong punished and the victim would have his redress without financial reward, when there was no financial loss. Such a trust could be administered by the Charitles Aid Foundation and. when considering distribution, the wishes of the plaintiff could be consid-

With no possibility of direct financial reward there would be less frivolous cases brought to court and the simple apology for a wrong-doing might again become acceptable.

Yours faithfully. D. E. DOWNS 22 Princes Gardens, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent. December 15.

From Mr Nigel Douglas

Sir, Simon Jenkins's article about litigation lunacy made ironical reading in such close juxtaposition to the obituary of Group Captain W. G. G. Duncan-Smith.

On the one hand a man who is awarded £220,000 for being put in an armlock during his arrest by police; on the other, a man who was badly bruised from bouncing off his aircraft wingtip" when shot down and forced to bale out, after which he "phim-meted into a polluted patch of sea in-gesting a good deal of oil" before being rescued, yet discharged himself from hospital the following day in or-

der to carry on the battle. Whom should he have sued? Churchill? Hitler? And for how much?

Yours faithfully, NIGEL DOUGLAS, Eythorne House, Eythorne, Dover, Kent. December 14.

From Dr C. T. Morley

Sir, If punitive damages were paid not to the plaintiff but to the State they would vanish overnight.

C. T. MORLEY. Trinity College, Cambridge. December 14.

### The brew that cheers

From Mr Adrian Brodkin

Sir, I read that researchers at Hull University have discovered that, of two groups of people asked to watch a comedy film, those who were given two bottles of strong lager laughed more than those who drank an alcohol-free brew - thereby increasing their chances of a long and happy life (report, later editions, December 17). Leaving aside the fact that drinking alcohol-free beer or lager is hardly ever a laughing matter, this is not a

startling conclusion. Indeed I laughed so long and hard at this fatuous finding that I am now in a state of perfect health and looking forward with keen anticipation to the forthcoming festivities.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN BRODKIN, 93 Kingsley Way, N2. December 17.

## Aria on a shoestring

From Mrs Janette Lloyd

Sir, It may delight Rodney Milnes. fresh from the "conspicuous con-sumption" of La Scala ("No expense pared, unhappily", Arts, December 12), to hear of a performance of Gluck's Armide in Oxford in 1970. The University Opera Club, of which I was a member of the chorus,

being composed of Bacofoil. We, as nymphs, wore dyed sheets, and were told not to approach the front of the stage lest any observant critics should be appalled at our bud-

staged the whole thing for £25, the set

get clothing. As a performer, I was not in a position to judge whether the "spare, tense sound-world" Gluck aimed for was enhanced by the poverty of the set. But when I say that the Messenger was none other than the wine expert, Oz Clarke, and that soprano Emma Kirkby was First Nymph, hindsight sug-

gests we got something right. Yours sincerely, JANETTE LLOYD, 6 Oliver's Battery Gardens, Winchester, Hampshire. December 13.

# Bread on the waters?

From the Reverend Dr Peter Whale

Sir, In these days of moral confusion, what hope do our young people have when the largest branch of Dillons in Birmingham sells cards inscribed "to the one I love" in packets of five?

Yours sincerely, P. R. WHALE. 83 Chaddesley Court, Nod Rise, Coventry, Warwickshire.



## **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 19: Commander Richard Aylard RN was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Private Secretary and Trea-

surer to The Prince of Wales. Mr John Doyle (President, Royal Watercolour Society) was received by The Queen and presented a book containing a collection of sketches to mark Her Majesty's Seventi-

eth Birthday.

Mrs Judy Dixey (Gallery
Director) and Mr Francis
Bowyer and Miss Claire Dalby (Vice-Presidents) were

The Queen held a Council at

There were present: The RI Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish (Minister of State, Department of Social Security), the Rt Hon Michael Portillo MP (Secretary of State for Defence), the Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP (Chancellor of the Exchequer) and the Rt Hon Lord James Douglas-Hamilton MP (Minister of State, Scottish

The Rt Hon Sir John Mummery was sworn in as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

MP had an audience of Her

Majesty before the Council. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Order of St Etheldreda, today attended a Luncheon at the Deanery, Ely Cathedral, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieu-tenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 19: The Duke of York this afternoon left Hong Kong for the Philippines.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival at Manila Airport by Her Majesty's Am-bassador (His Excellency Mr Adrian Thorpe).

Later The Duke of York was received by The President of the Republic of the Philippines at the Presidential Palace.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception given by Her Majesty's Am-bassador at the British Em-

KENSINGTON PALACE December 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening attended a Gala Concert at the Stables Theatre, Wavendon, Milton Keynes, given by John Dankworth and Cleo Laine in aid of the refurbishment of the

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire (Commander The Lord Cottesloe).

### **Polar Medals**

The Queen has been pleased to approve the following awards for outstanding achievement and ser-vice to British Polar Research: Antarctic 1992-94 Nigel Brian Dean, diesel me

chanic; Steven Thomas Dow, plumber and winter base plumber Antarctic 1993-95 Steven Robert Cuthbertson, meteo-

relogist and communications manager Antarctic 1994-95 Duncan Haigh, physicist and winter base commander

Antarctic to 1995 Brian Mallon, electrician and winter base commander Antarctic to 1996 Philip Stuart Anderson, meteorolo-gist; Stuart Andrew Bell, electron-

ics technician and radio operator Antarctic and Arctic to 1996 Robert Welfesley Burton, meteo-rologist, biological assitant and museum curator

### **London University**

Professor David Cannadine, Moore Collegiate Professor of History at Columbia University, New York to be Director of the Institute of Historical Research from May 1, 1998.

Now, my friends, all that is true, all that is bust and pure all that is lovable and attractive, whatever is excellent and adminished fill your thoughts with these things. Philippians 4:8

ARDOME On 17th December, at The Portland Hospital, to Christine (née Zingone) and Eichard, an aduzable son, Hayden Alfred Ismes.

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# Today's royal

engagements

The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will preside at the conferment of degrees ceremony in Guild-ford Cathedral at 10.00.

### **Lord-Lieutenant**

Sir Paul Nicholson to be Lord-Lieutenant for the county of Durham in succession to Mr David Grant who will be retiring on January 18, 1997.

### John Langeloth Loeb

A memorial service for John Langeloth Loeb will be held on at Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Avenue and 65th Street, New York.

### Legal appointment

Mrs Sarah Anne Williams to be a full-time chairman of Social Security, Medical, Disability and Child Support Appeal Tribunals from January 20 1997.

## **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr C.T.M. Ind and Lady Iona Hay The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Ind, of Chelsea London and Iona Charlotte, sec-ond daughter of the Earl and Countess of Kinnoull, of Abernyte,

Mr N.J. Hodson and Miss M-L.L. Sanders

and Miss M-LL Sumports
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Denys Hodson, of Pairford, Gloucestershire, and Mary-Lou, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Smulders-Grasso, of Thousand Oaks, California.

Mr P. Jensen and Miss K.E. Walsh

The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Svend Jensen, of Highgate, London and Katherine, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs John Walsh, of Belfast. Mr J.R.M. Petter

Mr. J.R.M. Petter
and Miss M. Walsh
The engagement is announced
between John, younger son of Mr
and Mrs Michael Petter, of
Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, and
Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Patrick Walsh, of Norwood,
London London.

London.

Mr A.G. Proctor
and Miss C.E. Blake
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, second son of
Mr and Mrs Hugh Proctor, of
Ripley, Surrey, and Courney,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
Victor Blake, of Cobham, Surrey.
Mr A.D. I. Pagagar

Mr A.D.J. Ramsay and Miss S.C.M. Pritchard

The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of Mr David Ramsay, of Petersfield, and the late Mrs Jane Ramsay, and Suzanne, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Charles Pritchard, of West Ashling, Chichester, West

Mr N.M. Turner and Miss L.J. Smart The engagement is announced between Nicolas, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Turner, of Wargrave,

Berkshire, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M.R. Smart, of Purley, Surrey. Mr R.D.A. Windle and Miss C.E. Knight

The engagement is announced between Roy, son of Professor and Mrs A.H. Windle, of Cambridge, and Catharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D.V. Knight, of St John's Wood, London.

### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: John Wilson Croker politician and writer, Galway, 1780; Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia 1939-41 and 1949-66, Jeparit, Victoria, 1894; George, Duke of Kent, San-dringham House, Norfolk, 1902. DEATHS: Ambroise Paré, sur-geon, Paris, 1990: Erich von Luder-dorff, German First World War general, Munich, 1937; James Hilton, novelist, Long Beach, Califor-nia, 1954; John Steinbeck, novelist, Nobel laureate 1962, New York, 1968: Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco, Prime Minister of Spain 1973, assassinated, Madrid, 1973; Bobby Darin, singer, songwriter and actor, Hollywood, 1973: Artur Rubinstein, pianist, Geneva, 1982. The first General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1560. Louis Napoleon Bonaparte was proclaimed President of France, 1848.

Birthdays today

A FLAMBOYANT costume for the celebrated

Ballet Russes production of Scheherazade

doubled its estimate to sell for £49,400 in a sale

devoted to Russian art at Sotheby's in London yesterday (John Shaw writes). The costume for Jane Marnac as Zobeide

was sensational for the time. She wore a

revealing embroidered gossamer top and a pair of pantaloons split to the thigh. An

imposing turban decorated with a large pink feather completed the design, which was

It was one of several exotic costumes designed by Lev Bakst (1866-1924) for Diaghi-

lev's famous company which revolutionised ballet at the turn of the century. His design for

bought privately.

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dent, was the host.

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National Sporting Club

London Chamber of

Mr Sebastian Coe, MP, was

the guest speaker at the

Christmas luncheon of the

London Chamber of Com-

aid of the Cancer Research

Sir Brian Jenkins, presi-

Mr Dermot Reeve was the

guest of honour and speaker

at a luncheon of the National

Sporting Club held yesterday at the Cafe Royal. Mr David

Mr Bill Abbott, former Governor. Pentonville prison, 55; Miss Jenny Agutter, actress, 44; Mr Michael Beaumont, Seigneur of Sark, 69: Lord Brabazon of Tara, 50: Mr merce and Industry held yes-terday at the Savoy Hotel in Simon Channing, former chairman, London Philhar-monic, 36; Sir George Coldstream, QC, 89; Mr Maicolm Cooper, marksman, 49; Mr Peter Cundell, racehorse trainer. 48: Mr Charles Denton, television and film pro-

ducer, 59: Mr D.F. Gardner,

chairman, Brixton Estate, 53;

the Earl of Harrowby. 74; Mrs

Ros Hepplewhite, former chief executive. Child Support

John Whitney, former direcwilkins, Editor, The Tablet, 60.

The Firebird, based on a traditional Russian

fairy story, made £55,400 (£25,000-£35,000) and

Appointments Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill, Mr Nigel Jones: MP, and Mr Christopher King to be members of the governing body of the British Association for Central and East-

# Memorial service

Mr Geoff Hamilton A service and celebration for the life and skills of Mr Geoff Hamilton, BBC gardering journalist, was held yesterday at St John's Wood Church. The Rev John Slater officiated and Miss Gay

Search read the lesson.

Mr Alan Titchmarsh, read Duncton Hill by Hillaire Belloc, Mr John Stoddart, Principal of Sheffield Hallam University, read The Road of Life part of The Earthly Paradise by William Mor-ris, Mr Adam Pasco, Editor of Gardeners World, read from Flora Thompson's Lark Rise to Candleford and Mr Will Wyan, Chief Executive, Broadcast, BBC, read from Geoff Hamilton's preface to Living Garden. Mr Tony Hamilton, twin brother, gave an

Mr Chris Barber and his New Orleans Band played during the service. Among those present

service. Among those present were Mrs Ramilion (widow), Mr Stephan Hamilion (widow), Mr Stephan Hamilion (son), Mr and Mrs Nicholas Hamilion and Mr and Mrs Christopher Hamilion (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr Mark Hamilion (brother and sister-in-law), Mr Jeremy Irving and Mrs Milliam Irving supports, Ms and Mrs Matthew Hamilion, Mr David Corre, Mrs David Hamilion Corre Miss Victoria Hamilion, Mr and Mrs William Hamilion, Mr and Mrs William Hamilion, Mr and Mrs Colette Hamilion, Mr and Mrs Roger Gerson. Mr and Mrs Roger Geson. Mr and Mrs Keith Walker, Mr Peter Higgs, Miss Lisa Howard, Ms Anita Morton, Ms Naorol Lowe, Mr Richard Walls. Sir Roger Cary (a consultant to the Director General, BEC) and Lady Cary with Mr Mark Thompsom (Controller BBC 2), Mr Colin Adams (controller BBC 2), Mr Colin Adams (Controller BBC 2), Mr Colin Adams (Controller Mr Anne Milman, Ms Julia Bench and Ms Rosemary Allen (Gardeners World), Mr John Stirland and Mr Martin Fish (Radio Nottingham), Mr Liam McCarthy (Radio Lelocster), Ms Kathy McGovan (Radio 3), Mr Denis Gartis da (director, Asian Programmes, BBC Midlands, Ms Claire Stride (BBC Midlands, Mr David Mr Down Mr Andrews, Mr and Mrs Anthony Andrews, Mr and Mrs Anthony Andrews, Mr and Mrs Anthony Andrews, Mr and Mrs

prisent members of staff. Sir Angus stirting.

Mr Geoff Amos, Mr and Mrs Anthony Andrews. Mr and Mrs Raiph Beil, Mr John Bird, Mr David Border, Mr Neil Bragg, Ms Sue Brann, Ms Anne Swittlinbank, Mrs Alan Titchmarsh, Mrs Connie Thrower, Dr Stefan Buezacki, Ms Elizabeth Canew Hunt, Mrs G Claydoos, Ms Sue Darlington-leal, Mr and Mrs Getry Dawson, Mr Howard Druy, Mr Jim Dumighan, Mr and Mrs John Samber Elilot, Mr Adam Greene, Mr Bob Flowerdew, Mrs Sue Fish, Mr Adam Frost, Mr Sarah Greene, Ms Phippa Greenwood, Miss Heather Holden-Browge, Mr a third from the ballet Narcisse, a flowing confection in midnight blue went for £26.450 (£18.000-£22.000). The designs were among the top lots in a sale devoted to Russian works of art which made £2.6 million; 310 of the 481 lots offered found buyers in an auction which was 64.45 per cent Michael Bing, the auctioneer, said the sale drew many new Russian buyers in addition to those who bid for the first time at a previous sale in July. He said: "Paintings performed extremely strongly with particularly high prices achieved by the ballet designs."

Jeremy Clarkson, Mr John Grimshaw, Mr. and Mrs Dan Howlson.

Ms Belinda Ironside, Ms Annabel tronside, Mr John Kenyon, Mr John Kendall, Ms Marcia Kirby, Mrs P Khudhairy, Mr John King, Mr Michael Leapman, Ms Jean Laughion, Mr Roy Lancaster, Ms M Joyce, Mr John Kelty, Ms Reshaw, Mr Tim Manning, Dr G McCommack, Mr Kelth McMorran, Dr Jenny Owen, Mr Ken Page, Mr Richard Penfold, Mr and Mrs Peter Pesket, Mr Clay Perry, Ms Liz Rigby, Mr Steve Pink, Mr and Mrs Peter Pesket, Mr Clay Perry, Ms Liz Rigby, Mr Steve Pink, Mr and Mrs David Waine, Mr Steve Pierson, Mr Ron Sowlon, Mr Frank Phillips, Mrs Dorothy Rose, Ms Lorraine Shone, Mr Alan Smith, Ms Judith Fell, Mr and Mrs David Stevens, Ms Stephanle Silk, Ms Gillian Thornton, Mr Laurence Vulliamy, Professor Michael Alder (Writtle College of Agriculture), Miss Margaret Waddy (vice-chairman, Institute of Horticulture also representing the chairman of the Eastern branch), Mr Robin Maynard (Friends of the Earth), Mr D Allen (Horticulture Trade Associadon, Ms Sharon-Amos and Ms Miranda Innes (Country Living Magazine), Ms Rosle Akidns (Gardens) Illustrated), Ms Ussula Buchan (The Sunday Telegraph), Mr Ieremy Lewis (Mottingham Evening Rost), Mr Paul Cannoo (Countryside and Gardening), Mr Roger Chandler (CPRE) and Mrs Chendler.

Mr John James (Woodlands Trust), Mr Fred Downham, Ms Diana Stenson, Ms Sue Phillips and Mrs Asylon, Mr Abrid Austin, David Austin Roses) and Mrs David Austin Roses and Mrs David Murseries), Mr Jane Scieny), Mr De Braylor (The Cottage Gardeni and Mrs Taylor, Mr Alan Gear (Henry Doubleday Research) and Mrs Ferdinand Hensby (Hensby Connecte) Mr King Hurt Gertile

(Woodfield Brothers) and representatives of the National Trust, Horticultural Therapy, English Nature, the NSCPG, the Professional Gardeners' Guild, Tree Aid, Practical Gardening, Garden News, the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners, the National Chrysanthemum Society and the British Association of Landscape Industries.

### Latest wills

Agency, 44: Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, 70; Mr Justice Lightman, 57: Baron-ess Thomas of Walliswood, 61: Edward James Abbott, of Fontmell Magna, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,711,854 net. Anne Doris Rose, of London Miss Rachel Trickett, former N3, left estate valued at Principal, St Hugh's College, El.265,745 net.

She left 13.000 to Jewish Welfare Board: 11.000 each to Nightingale House, Friends of Borieys Park Hospital, Jewish Bilind Society, Jewish Home and Hospital El Oxford, 73; Mr Karl Wendlinger, racing driver, 28; Mr

Edgar Morris, solicitor, of Southport, Merseyside, left

estate valued at £693,325 net. Phyllis Frances Watt, of Liverpool 18, left estate valued at

E578,246 net. She left E1,000 to Cancer Research Campaign and to King Georges Fund for Saliors. Robert Monroe, retired company director, of Lower

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Joyce Marion Jeffrey, of Exeter, Devon, left estate valued at

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- Jame and ser, are delighted to the birth of their daughter, Poppy m December 1st,

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ADPIELD - On 17th December at The Portland Hospital, to Nicholas and lons, i daughter, Sophie Chesiotte.

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SAVAGE - On 4th December 1996, to Magna and Tim, a daughter, Freys Marie Ellen, a sister for Robyn and Olivia.

WESTER - On 14th December, at RCS Trelisie, to Lies and Martin, a daughter, Madeleine Sophie, a sister for Theorem

WHIGHT - On 18th December to Susam (née Crate) and Philip, a son, Miles Sterling

ANNIVERSARIES

ERLLOCK-MARGES - On 20th December 1946 at Holy Trimity, Ecompton, Michard Bullock to Beryl Markes. Frezent eddress: 13 Peterborough Villas, SW6 2AT.

RARMARD - Marcha (Jesu), on 19th December, aged 83, of Instingatoke and Lyunington. wife of the late Dick, mother to Jesuifer, Michael, High and Ruce. Following a life of sarvice to others will be easily wineed by many

of service to others will be sadly missed by many. Funeral details and flowers or donations to Parkinsons Disease or Rible Society clo Disease or Rible Society clo Disease of Rible Society Lymington, tel: (01590) 672060.

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THE TIMES

CHRISTMAS PERIOD Dendines & Opening Times Birth, Marriage & Death Notices. For notices to appear on Tuesday December 24th the deadline is Monday December 23nd at |2 noon. For notices to appear on Thursday December 26th and Friday December 27th the deadline is Thesday December 24th at 12 noon.

Wednesday December 25th Office Closed, Thursday December 25th Office Closed. Normal hours Friday December 27th. **® 0171 680 6880** 

DEATHS MARKETT - Pensuls Mary, of Ensworth, in her 80th year, on 18th December, pencefully after a long illness. Daughter of the inte Col.8HE and Mrs. Earrett. Funeral Sevice Friday 3rd January 1997, at 1130us, Chichester Crematorius. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Althomers December 1130us, Col. Windpite Son, The Square, Rimsworth, Hampshire, tel: (01242) 372255.

CRITCHLEY - Diana (née Pishwick), wife of the inte Reigndier A.C. Cattalley and stother of Glenna and favous, died pencefully at home, on Tneeday 17th December, aged 35. Cremation service for family and friends 24th December at 11.20am, at Zauthampstend Park Crematotium, Sracknell. Memorial Service in Spring 97. Outsile Cyril E. Lovegove, tel: (01344) 22114.

boyms - On 17th December, suddenly at home in Steely, North Yorkshire, Eathleen Hanel (né Dods), wife of the late John Soyne, dearly loved mother of George Cross and much loved by all her family, Feneral Tuesday, Friends please meet for service in St. Edwin's Church, High Conisciffe, Ne Darkington at 12.15 p.m. followed by private cremation. Family flower only please most posses, only please my please ment please. EPSTEIN - Queenle, pensed away peacefully, on 14th December, Wife of the late Harry Epstein, mother of the late Erian and Cilve. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren journe, Henry and Amanda, daughter-in-law Estebase, sistens-in-law Lorna Hyman and Stalls Canter and all her family and friends.

Fill Wood - Boninic Stjohn, on 13th Doormber 1996, and 29 years, suddenly as the result of a tragic accident. Nuch loved som of Ellot. Funesal Service on Monday 23rd Doomber, at 2.30 pm, at Reading Crematorium. Flowers to Alexander & Dr. 1 Seal Read, Bannageoka, bel: (01256):844662. CAMPRELL - On 18th
December 1996, Major Rollo
Campbell DFC, RTE, after a
brave fight against Cancer,
aged 81. Nuch loved
husband of Naoud, father of
Dugald and Floral and dearly
loved grandfather, Family
funeral Douations if desired
to Cancer Reseased. CARE-WALKER - On 17th December, peacefully after a long illness, courageously fought, aged 50 years. Richard Carr-Walker much loved husband of Jessicz, father of Pools and Gregory, son of Sanz and brother of Carols and Dizna. A service of Thanksgiving will take pir no at 5t. Richains Church, West Tanfiold, Ripon, N.Yorks, on Monday 23rd December at 2pm. Family flowers only please, douations if desired may be given for Cancer Research at the Sayal Marsdey Hospital, London. A plate provided at the service.

BOSLEG - Angela, poscerulty at home, on 18th December. Morh loved wife of Bobin and beloved by all her family, Family councion, no flowers by request but donations, if desired, to Great Oxmond Street Hospital Memorial Service to be service.

GROUNDWATER - George Sutherland, on 17th December 1996, after a long illuser, Felored husband of the late Libby and denity loved father of Lain. Retized Bank of Scotland Transee Managee. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Edinbungh, Main Compel, on Monday 23nd December, at 11mm, to which all fatends are invited. No flowers plane, but donations may be sent to Huntingdona. Disease, o/o Rosamee Getnarskyj at Western General.

CARTWRIGHT - Ratherine Faith, peacefully on 18th Denember, of Sydling St Nicholas and formerly of Commell Much loved by her family, Private Cresswice.

CHICHTON - On 17th December 1996, in Ghealtax, used 87, Eichael. Commander RN, of Lisbellaw, Co. Fermansgh, second son of the lave Captain EL. Crichton, EN. Much loved brother, encland gent-unde, Penemi on Thursday 9th January at Cross Parisk Christ, Near Derrylin, Co.Fermansgh, at 2pm. Sequince to W.T. Mourison & Co. Emulabilien, tak (01365) 322071.

HASTHEES - On December 6th 1996, Jack Merrhama aged 96 years died pencefully at Forest Cake Nurshop Home Revockenhurst formerly of Kenya beloved hestsand of the late Winified and a much loved unch. Committee has laten place privately.

JOHNEON - Walter I, publisher, on Senday 15th December, aged 25 years, Poblisher of Ablex Publisher of Ablex Publisher of Ablex Publisher of Ablex Publisher of Academic Petes and former bound director of Hannest Buses Brussovich, Father of Marianuse Cruikshank, Herbert M. Johnson and Marjorie Heavitt, guandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 6. A Managali Service was held to heomythe, New York on 18th December, Denations, if desired, to University College London Development Director, UCL, Great Street, London, WCLE

MARE - Joy (néa Smallwood), of Affidiraths, died on 17th December, et Westmoriand General Hospital, Kendal Commemogration and cremation at Luncaster and Morecomber Commercium.

LOWE - Edward Ivan, died peccetally in hospital, 18th December 1996. Funezal et Worling Grematorium, at 4pm, on 27th December 1996.

MOORE - On December 17 1996, after his 90th birthday party Lt. Col. Francis Royer Brysmion. A brilliant father and grandfather. Funeral Service partitiant Father and quantitather. Funeral Service will take place at St. Lake Church. Sway, on Toesday 24th Decomber at 12.06 noon, followed by Latenment Family Howers only but dometions in his memory may be sent for Voluntary Service Overseas of Distoned & Son Funeral Directors, Lymington, SO4190N.

shifti - (Née Lee) hindpold Geraldine on Wednesday, 18th December, peacetally at Hereford Cremention on Thursday, 2nd January, at 1. 45 pm. No flowers. It desired donations for the British Inhebit Association may be sent to Dawe Bros., 115 Westfalling Street, Hereford. THOMPSON - Bryon Harry, died peacefully at home, in Lyminge, Kent, on 18th December, after a abort

December, after a shore thans, comageously borne. Much loved hunbund of Jame, father of Susphen, Cire and Esthars and gradients of Adam, Lilly, Jack, Joseph, Matthew, Rebects and Summai. Certanties 4ps., on Monthly 23rd December, at Hawkings. Folkertons, Flowers from family and close fitends, if desired, in Rambrock 2 Johns, 1 Dover Road, Folkestons, CT20 17, or donetions to RSFF.

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# MARCELLO MASTROIANNI

Marcello Mastroianni, Italian film star, died in Paris yesterday aged 72. He was born on September 28, 1924.

The career in films of the greatest of all Italian male stars lasted for almost fifty years, although it was not until he played the wry, wornanising gossip writer around whom Fellini's La Dolce Vita (1960) whirled that he became internationally celebrated. Mastroianni brought to many of his roles, even in the lightest romantic comedies, a soulful langour, a sadness behind the eyes that women invariably found irresistible.

He was, in the words of the critic Alexander Walker, "a suitable case for care". He possessed the sort of self-mocking charm that had made Cary Grant a great star. together with the same kind of super-smooth, invisible technique that projected the com-cortable illusion that his performances had evolved entirely naturally.

Marcello Mastroianni was born in Fontana Liri, a country village near Frosinone, to: the southeast of Rome. His father was a cabinet maker who, when the boy was five; migrated to Turin, moving on from there a few years later to

As a youth, when the war started Mastroianni was studying surveying and draughtmanship. His ambitions to become an architect were dashed at 19 when the German occupiers sent him to a forced labour camp in the. north of Italy. He managed to escape, and hid out for the duration in Venice, where he would draw pictures of its

landmarks to sell for food. When the war ended, he obtained a job in Rome with the accounts department of Eagle-Lion, a British film company that was a subsidiary of the Rank Organisation. In the evenings he began acting with hiversity students, one of whom was Giuletta Masina, who was then already the wife of Federico Fellini.

His modest film debut was

part in one of the innumerable cinema versions of Victor Hugo's Les Misérables, in this instance directed by Riccardo Freda, with Gino Cervi and Valentina Cortesa in the leads. In the following year he was offered a role in Luchino Visconti's stage production of As You Like It, which led to parts in other plays performed

by his company.

Mastroianni's film career took off in 1949 with leading roles in films opposite Milly Vitale, Liliana Mancini and Gina Lollobrigida. For the next few years he was a young and handsome presence in a stream of Italian films that only occasionally were shown outside the domestic market.

This gave him the experi-ence of working with actors such as Paola Stoppa, Rai Vallone and, significantly, the prewar matinee idol Vittorio De Sica. The latter became a powerful force in postwar Italian cinema and played Sophia Loren's father in Peccato che sia una Canaglia (1955), the first film on which Mastroianni worked with either of them. Visconti then signed Mastroianni to play the indigent young man who loves the mysterious Maria Schell in White Nights (1957), helping him towards his recognition

outside Italy.
It was Fellini's La Dolce Vita, a three-hour study of the decadent wasters of the Via Veneto smart set, that pro-pelled Mastroianni to international stardom. Fellini declared that he had hired him because he had "a terribly ordinary face", but it was his face that gave him his appeal with its weary expression that managed to be simultaneously passive and quizzical.

The box-office success ensured that he was now in huge demand, with the cream of leading ladies at his disposal: Claudia Cardinale in Il Bell' Antonio (1960): Simone Signoret in Adua e le Compagne (1960), Jeanne Mo-reau in Visconti's La Notte (1961). In Divorce Italian Style (1962) he received an Oscar nomination as a down-at-heel count who tries to murder his wife. An impressive hit, it was made in 1947, with a small followed by Louis Malle's Vie



Privée (1962) with Brigitte

Bardot, In 1963 he was the lead in Fellini's 84, playing an egocentric film director and ring-master based on Fellini himself. Carlo Pomi then took a hand in Mastrojanni's career and more international success followed with the delightful commercial comedies Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow and Marriage Italian-

Style (both 1964) which were directed by Vittorio De Sica. with Ponti's wife, Sophia Loren as co-star. Mastroianni was in Visconti's Camus adaptation The Stranger (1967) and was under pressure to make an English-speaking film, although he was reluctant to go

Mastroianni's command of to Hollywood. English was then extremely The unremarkable comedy shaky and he was obliged to Diamonds for Breakfast (1968) was made in England, and recite his lines phonetically. giving his normally relaxed

Entore Scola's black comedy The Pizza Triangle (1970). A few years later he would again be nominated for an Academy award for Scola's A Special Day (1977). The best of his later roles

acting style a stilted air. He redeemed his popularity with

included those in Paolo and Vittorio Taviani's Allonsanfan (1974); Fellini's City of Women (1979); as Casanova in Scola's La Nuit de Varennes (1981); as one half of a dancing partner-ship (with Guilita Masina) in Fellini's Ginger and Fred (1986); and in another Oscarnominated performance in Dark Eyes (1987), which was directed by Nikita Mikhalkov. His aversion to American movies was eventually overcome with Beeban Kidron's Used People (1992) in which he appeared opposite Shirley MacLaine.

His penultimate film, Beyond the Clouds, directed by Michelangelo Antonioni and Wim Wenders, is due to open in Britain on January 10.
Probably the last, piquant memory of him many filmgoers will have is of his appearance last year in Robert Altman's Prét-a-Porter. looking weary and old but still bandsome, and reunited with the still ravishing Sophia Loren. She performs a reprise of her famous bedroom striptease in Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow while be is recumbent on the bed, but by the time she has reached the second stocking he is fast

asieep.
For half-a-century Mastroianni was constantly working, and made more than 150 films. Last May he was at the Cannes Film Festival introducing Three Lives and Only One Death, directed by Raul Ruiz, in which he played four parts. In the same film was his actress daughter Chiara Mastroianni, born to Catherine Deneuve in 1972.

There had been an uproar in the Italian press at the time when he deserted his wife Flora Carabella, whom he had married in 1950, and his daughter Barbara, to live with Deneuve. Both his daughters and Deneuve were at his bedside when he died.

# ARTHUR JACOBS

Arthur Jacobs, music critic, died on December 13 aged 74. He was born on June 14, 1922

ARTHUR JACOBS was a prolific music critic whose energies embraced journalism, lecturing, teaching, editing, biography and a series of highly regarded singing translations of operas.

Born in Manchester, he was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Merton College, Oxford. He began his career as music critic on the Daily Express in 1947, moving on to write for a wide variety of newspapers and journals, including The Sunday Times, The Sunday Telegraph, the Financial Times and the Jewish Chronicle, always in the brisk, clear style that was to characterise his work.

He was deputy editor of Opera magazine from 1961 to 1971, remaining a board member and a valued contributor until his death. From 1964 to 1979 he taught criticism and history at the Royal Academy of Music, before becoming Head of Music at Huddersfield Polytechnic until 1984 (when he was appointed Professor). He also found time to travel widely, acting as a visiting professor in various American, Canadian and Australian universities; latterly, he was several times a visiting fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford.

Jacobs's precision of mind made him a sound lexicographer, and his Penguin New Dictionary of Music (1958) went into several editions and translations. He also founded the invaluable British Music Yearbook in 1971, editing it until 1979. Other publications included The Pan Book of Opera (with Stanley Sadie 1964). A Short History of Western Music (1972). The Pan Book of Orchestral Music (1987), and The Penguin Dictionary of Musical Performers (1990).

At the centre of his scholarly interests was English music, and he helped to deepen serious appreciation of A. S. Sullivan with Gilbert and Sullivan (1951) and with a meticulous biography, Arthur Sullivan: a Victorian Musi-

cian (1984). His last biography was a no less scrupulous study, Sir Henry Wood: Maker of the Proms (1994), in which his thorough research and keen probing enabled him to shed considerable new light

on his subject, Jacobs's devotion to opera found practical expression in the many performing translations he made. His linguistic gifts gave bim an appreciation of the flavour of texts in languages that included Rus-sian, and his sometimes quirky relish of word-play



could produce ingenious and witty singing versions, with much theatrical point, of operas by Monteverdi, Rossini, Berlioz, Tchaikovsky and Berg, among others. An original libretto was One Man Show for Nicholas Maw

His advocacy of opera in English, as representing a genuine dramatic experience for audiences who might otherwise have been kept at a distance, was characteristicalfy vigorous, This sharpness and forcefulness of mind could also take expression in sharpness of tongue, though invariably in what he saw as the interests of accuracy and proper standards of professional conduct; and it could quickly be belied by warmth and a lively sense of humour.

He retired to Oxford, where he took pleasure in renewing membership of his old undergraduate college, Merton. He married, in 1953, Betty Hughes; she and their two sons survive him.

successfully. It was only half as big, but had twice the yield.

The USSR was second to the

atom bomb, but had caught

up by the time of the first H-

bomb tests. The first Soviet

paper on the subject was

written by Khariton and col-

leagues in 1946, but was

brushed aside by Stalin and

Beria, intent on the atom

bomb. By 1949 the mood had changed and Yuri Sakharov

was dispatched to Sarov to

# YULI KHARITON

nuclear physicist, died yesterday aged 92. He was born on February 27.

BORN in Tsarist Russia, Yuri Khariton lived to see the parabola of Soviet power, his greatest personal success coinciding with its apogee. When

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was detonated in August 1949. Stalin's police chief Lavrenti Beria turned in joy to Khariton and Igor Kurchatov, two of its principal architects, and kissed them both on the forehead. Later Khariton contributed hugely to the success of the Soviet hydrogen bomb, though by then Beria - a

organiser" - was no longer around to reward him. Khariton ended his life as he had spent the past 45 years, in charge of the Arzamas-16 research laboratory near Nizhny Novgorod.

Yuli Borisovitch Khariton was born into a Jewish family, the youngest son of a St Peters-

in the Moscow Arts Theatre. "Compact, ascetically slight, and very sprightly," as a friend described him, he graduated from the Polytechnic Institute of Leningrad, as St Petersburg had become, in 1925, worked briefly on chemical chain reactions with Nicolai Semenov at "Fizzech"

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Technology in Leningrad before travelling to Cambridge. This was the period when Soviet scientists were allowed abroad, and Khariton took advantage of the liberal climate to study under Ernest Rutherford. He was awarded his PhD in theoretical physics at the Cavendish Laboratory in 1927.

was followed by a sickly love

story with Faye Dunaway, A

Place Far Lovers (1969), a

failure for Vittorio De Sica.

John Boorman's London film Leo the Last (1970) was much

more interesting, but no more successful with audiences.

Khariton was disturbed by the stirrings of Pascism, and at the age of 24 was placed in charge of an explosives laboratory at the Institute of Physical Chemistry, a Fixtech spin-off. When the first reports of the discovery of nuclear fission reached the Soviet Union in 1939, Khariton and a younger colleague, Jakov Zeldovitch, began working on it. It was not part of their institute's task, so they studied in the evenings. We immediately made calculations of nuclear chain reactions," Khariton later remembered, "and we soon understood that, on paper at least, a chain reaction was possible, a reaction which could release unlimited amounts of energy without burning coal or oil. Then we took it very seriously. We also understood that a bomb was possible."

Serious Soviet efforts to build a bomb began in 1942, after the first reports of Allied efforts had filtered through. Kurchatov was put in charge, initially at a research laboratory in Moscow, and later at Arzamas-16, the secret weapons design laboratory 200 miles to the east. But only on August 20, 1945, after the

Returning to the Soviet Union through Germany,

devastation of Hiroshima, did Stalin realise the global implications of nuclear fission. He gave the project high priority. putting Beria in control. Then came a lucky break.

The atom spy Klaus Fuchs provided descriptions of the American A-bomb. The information was very helpful but also very difficult," Khariton said in 1993. "We had sketch-es, but we did not have all the calculations." The experi-ments done at Los Alamos had to be repeated, to make sure that Fuchs's material was genuine.

After fierce arguments, the team abandoned its own design and copied the American one, a decision Khariton supported. Work was shifted to a small town, Sarov, where Arzamas-16 was built. Khari-

ton was appointed scientific director, and arrived on April 2, 1946, preceded by a detachment of secret policemen who had already staked out a stretch of forest with barbed wire. The town vanished from the maps, becoming the centre of the USSR's nuclear arch-

When the moment came to test the first device, Khariton was nervous. "If our first test had failed, you can imagine the pleasures that would have awaited us." he said. The test, however, was a complete success, sending shudders of horror through the West. Khariton acknowledged that the material from Fuchs had brought forward the explosion by two or three years. Two years later, indeed, a bomb made to the original Soviet

work with Khariton on an Hbomb design. This was Sakharov's "layer cake" design. involving alternating layers of uranium-238 and deuterium. Khariton was responsible for planning and organising the research needed to prove it would work. When it was successfully tested in October 1953, the USSR could legitimately claim to have the first practical thermonuclear weapon. The first US device, tested a year earlier, had been

impracticably large.

Khariton was deeply proud of the achievements of the team under his control, and as an old man could recite them all. His eminence as a scientist and research director largely protected him from Beria's interference, though once he had to intervene on behalf of a colleague, Lev Altshuler, who was threatened with exile. Khariton called Beria and said that Altshuler was too valuable to lose. Beria paused, then said: "Do you need him very much?" Yes, replied Khariton. Beria paused again, then said "All right", and the incident was closed.

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BRUSSELS, DEC. 18 The body of the late King was transferred from the Pavillon des Palmiers at Lacken to the Palace at Brussels this evening by the light of torches carried by mounted troopers of a regiment of Guides. The hearse, which was drawn by eight horses, caparisoned in black draperies and harnessed d la Daumont, was covered with crape, surmounted by black plumes, and bore the national coat of arms and the coats of arms of the nine provinces. The grooms and servants of the late Sovereign surrounded the car. General officers of the army and of the Garde Civique rode on either side, and in Court carriages which followed, decked in heavy mourning trappings, were Prince Albert, Count Jean d'Oultremont, Grand Marshal of the Court, and the dignitaries of the King's Household. As the body was being conveyed to the hearse, salvoes were fired by batteries of artillery. An enormous crowd witnessed the scene. The cortige, which was preceded by a detachment of mounted gendarments and a squadron of Guides in full uniform, moved out of Lacken

### ON THIS DAY

December 20, 1909

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The present appalling state of affairs in what was formerly the Belgian Congo has its roots in the actions of King Leopold 11 of the Belgians (1835-1909) who not only plundered nismanaged a rich territory but mistreated the native popul

at 8 p.m. The escort of honour was provided

by the Marie Henriette Squadron. The procession arrived at the Palace at half-past 9. Non-commissioned officers of various corps of the garrison bore the body, on which lay the Royal crown, to a room which had been transformed into a chapelle ardente, where the civil and military authorities

The new King will take the name of Albert the First.

THE KING'S WILL. King Leopold, in his will, declares that he possesses nothing beyond the 15,000,000f.

(£600,000), which he leaves to his children. He refuses to allow an autopsy. "Apart from my nephew, Prince Albert," he says, "and the members of my household, I forbid any one to attend my funeral. My papers will be destroyed or handed to Prince Albert." Baron

Goffinet is appointed executor. According to the Gazette, the lawyer of Princess Louise has given notice to all the principal banks of opposition to any payment of deposits they may have received in the name of King Leopold or Baroness Vaughan, and has forbidden the executors under the late King's will to destroy any papers.

A SOCIALIST MANIFESTO.

BRUSSELS, DEC. 19 The General Council of the Belgian Labour Party issued this morning a proclamation

containing the following passage:
Under the reign which has now ended the old conception of a bourgeois Monarchy was. profoundly changed. Twenty or 30 years ago the King was a mere symbol. With Leopold II the King became the great organiser of the political contest waged by capitalism against the working class. Albert I will govern, as his uncle did, with the aid of high finance. industry, and commerce. Between Socialism and the Monarchy no reconcilliation is possible. Vive la République Sociale!

## NEWS:

### SAS team arrives at Lima siege

■ An SAS team arrived in Lima to join American security experts as the 484 hostages inside the Japanese ambassador's residence settled down for a third night with their 30 heavily armed Tupac Amaru captors.

The team of six from Hereford includes explosives experts and a sniper team commander. Hostage negotiators from Scotland Yard also flew in as talks between the Peruvian Government and the rebels moved slowly......Pages 1, 11

### Murder hunt police given more time

Magistrates granted police more time to question Robert Friar, a 35-year-old unemployed man who was arrested on Wednesday for questioning over the murders of Lin Russell and her daughter Megan as they walked home from Goodnestone Primary School in Kent ....

### Duke apologises

The Duke of Edinburgh apologised for criticising government plans to ban handguns, saying he had no intention of causing offence or distress and was sorry if he had done so ....

# Rape ignored

Residents of Chislehurst, southeast London, said they were astonished that rush-hour motorists did not stop to rescue a woman civil servant who was raped and beaten on a busy street ..... Page 3

### Oxbridge victory Oxford and Cambridge both

claimed victory in the four-yearly university research ratings. which will influence the distribution of £700 million of government money ........Pages 4, 17, 43

## Dying breath

The BBC is considering filming the last moments of a dying man or woman for a series charting human life from the cradle to the ...Page 5

### Appeal to Mandela

The father of a 28-year-old Briton killed by a traffic police officer in a KwaZulu/Natal coastal resort has written to President Mandela to ask for justice ... ... Page 6

# Footballer's damages

A former Stockport County foothaller was awarded an estimated £250,000 damages in the High Court over a high tackle which ended his career ......Page 7 ditions for workers...... Page 13

### Free speech ruling

Two murderers won a High Court victory when a judge ruled that jail restrictions on their access to visiting journalists were unlawful and curbed their right to free speech \_

# Mastroianni dies

Marcello Mastroianni, the Italian film star, died in Paris from pancreatic cancer, aged 72. His many known mistresses included Catherine Deneuve, who was at his bedside ... ... Pages 9, 19

# BB on racism charge

Brigitte Bardot was in court over claims that a newspaper article in which she said France was being overrun by sheep-slaughtering Muslims was an incitement to racial hatred ... ... Page 10 Gas pipeline plans

### President Rafsanjani of Iran was greeted with full military honours

when he arrived in Turkey for talks about a gas pipeline the two countries are to build......Page t0 Simple spymen An American who spied for Mos-

### cow was arrested but nowadays spies are less interested in national security secrets than in the

enemy's tradecraft........... Page 12 Barble campaign The Dynamic factory in Thailand, where Barbie dolls are made, is the target of an international campaign to get fairer con-

### China's last imperial eunuch dies

■ Sun Yaoting, China's last surviving imperial eunuch, has died in a Buddhist temple in Peking where he lived out the final years of a life of discrimination and repression. He was 94 and being born into a poor family, castrated at the age of eight and sent to the Forbidden City...



Mother Teresa, 86, leaving hospital in Calcutta yesterday after a heart operation and a month in intensive care. Page 13

### BUSINESS

Merger bilt: Halifax Building Society faces costs of £413 million for merging with the Leeds and floating on the stock market. or £46 for each borrower and saver... Page 21

Collapse: Dunn & Co. the menswear retailer specialising in hats and tweed, has collapsed for the second time in six years. KPMG was appointed receiver ..... Page 21 Damages: GKN, the engineering

and defence group, faces a damages bill of about \$400 million after an American exhaust subsidiary lost a class action suit ...... Page 21 Markets: The FT-SE t00 index rose

27.5 points to close at 4045.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 94.4 to 94.1 after a fall from \$1.6725 to \$1.6630 and from DM2.5999 to DM2.5938 ... Page 24

### Cricket: Zimbabwe extended their first innings to 376 in the first Test in Bulawayo and then reduced England to 48 for the loss of Michael Atherton's wicket before rain stopped play... ... Page 40

Football: Frank Clark resigned as manager of Nottingham Forest, who have gone I6 games without victory and are bottom of the FA Carling Premiership ...... Page 40

Rugby union: Cardiff will have to play their Heineken Cup semi-final against Brive without significant match oractice if the referees' strike in Wales continues, Page 37

Sailing: The BT Global Challenge fleet suffered its first serious rig failure when Concert fell off a wave and lost her mast from about 20ft 

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England and Wales will be over-cast, with outbreaks of light rain or

drizzle, slowly clearing southwards

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places. The north will be bright, cold and dry, apart from flurries in the east. There will be a strong

Scotland and Northern Ireland

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# Heritage plea: Instead of turning it into more offices, why not open up

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# Secret India: Quentin Letts on the

castrati of India - the hidden community that harks back to the days of the harem. Stage doctor: If he had completed

his PhD thesis and become Dr John Sessions: perhaps he would not feel compelled to display his erudition; but then he would have been lost to the stage ...... Page 15 Toy story: Parents in American toy stores are fighting over furry dolls which, when touched, squirm and

the season. Research leaders: A Times guide to Britain's top universities for re-

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emit funny noises. Tickle Me Elmo

dolls are the unexpected success of

The Middle East is once again poised on the edge of an abyss. It has been obvious for months that Israel's Binyamin Netanyahu was not merely slowing the peace process down but strangling it altogether. A dream is dying in Palestine, and a new explosion in the region seems inevitable sooner La Repubblica or later

France is not investing enough because it is paralysed by the fear of unemployment. If part-time jobs were as developed in France as they are in The Netherlands, there would be one million fewer people - Le Figaro | pricing .

Preview: There are Christmas ructions at Arden House. Dr Finlay (ITV, 9pm). Review: Matthew Bond on a Delilah disaster \_ Page 39

### Speak, memory

This week Tony Blair took the trip down memory lane that John Major, Bill Clinton and Renatd Reagan have followed before him. The trip was not an unalloyed suc-.. Page 17

### Dons and data

Even dons in the most ancient of universities will concede, through gritted teeth, that outside pressure has forced them to develop research strategies and deal with those staff members whose output has been inexcusably low or persistently poor...

### **Everest of the spirit**

Sir Ranulph Fiennes had to give up his latest quest to trek alone across Antartica, yet the disappointed ex-

ROGER SCRUTON Do you remember the glorious days of Soviet communism, when each seat in the Soviet was contested by two candidates, both chosen by the Party? This is how the projected new bridge across the

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### Thames was chosen .... **PHILIP HOWARD**

The Speaker of Question Times Past was a handsome woman dressed in buckles and bows. She smiled at Stooge in a lofty but not unfriendly way. And as he grasped her tunic, they seemed to be whisked in an instant high up into the highest gallery of the debating chamber he knew so well, and where he continually strove to lead his party when he was not follow-

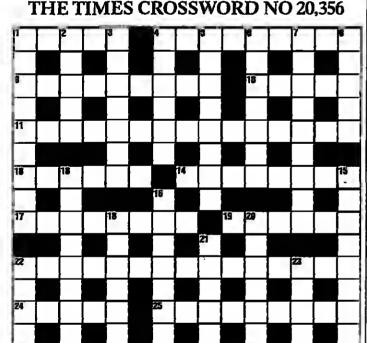
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film star; Yuli Khariton, Soviet nuclear physicist: Arthur Jacobs,

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Duke's views on gun legislation; university funding: the culture of litigation: CPS proposal on disclosures to the defence. Croatia and Bosnia: royal succession; road

# served Pu Yi, China's last emperor, and his first wife after THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,356



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- 1 A bit of dissipation in the courtvard (5).
- 4 Reform involving double degree
- in one's university (4,5). 9 He provides clothing that's strik-
- ing and more appropriate (9). 10 Dark horse ousting leader (5). 11 Though real crime is deplorable,
- it can produce great mirth (7,8). 12 Civilized old city destroyed by plague (6).
- 14 Water tortoise secure on land (8) 17 Tiny page disguised as Arah (8). 19 Feast the king found less colour-
- ful (6). 22 A girl usually expects to have such a hurried ceremony (7.8).
- 24 Musical group's love note produced in court (5). 25 Order this tape containing German or Italian course (9).
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- 26 Do people we look up to have their support? (9). 27 Insect repelled round women's
- 1 Not many people in this public institution (9).

making a nasal sound (5).

- 2 Bear going over a mile to get to the Pole? (5).
- 3 Put off moronic old character (7). 4 As investigators stated, they are
- Mexican Indians (6).
- 5 Plastered, hit by droppings from on high (8).
- 6 One directing "The Silver King" is after leading male (7).
- 7 Sticky wicket fast spinner's taken over (5,4).
- 8 A revolver, whichever way is points (5).
- t3 Spurned child put to bed? (9). 15 Tmy fish dominated by shark (9).
- 16 End up nursing girl, producing antacid (8).
- 18 Get stall set up outside for flowers
- 20 It protects the head of conservative party (4.3). 21 Harsh cries given by mother
- birds (6). 22 Vessel in deep waters capsizing
- 23 A new lot of paintings put up in empty chambers (5).

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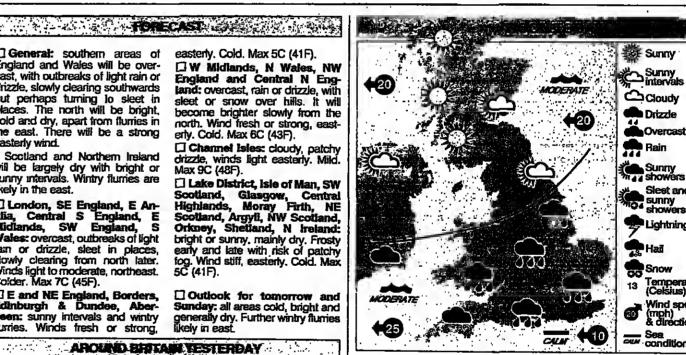
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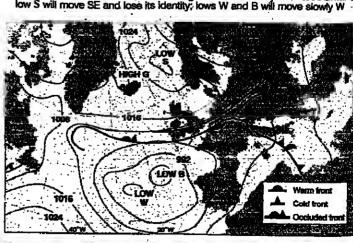
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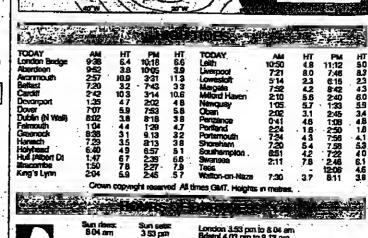
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